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Simplex Mode Operation

After Action Report

1.1 OVERVIEW.

Thank-you Bob. Good evening everyone. This is the after-action report for the Pinellas ACS August training drill.

A net was established on the W4ACS repeater at 1930 hours local on Thursday August 26th. The net was shutdown 13 minutes later. The Net Control Station was WA1RYQ and the Alternate Net Control Station was W8QFV.

For those who did not participate, I'll quickly review the original plan of action for the August drill and then describe the changes we'll be making in the future.

Description

The ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource Net was to be established using primary ACS repeater system, W4ACS. Once the net was established, the drill was scheduled to begin. The drill had three phases:

- **Part 1:** Transition to a county wide simplex net and identify the appropriate number of relay stations.
- **Part 2:** Send an announcement to all simplex net participants and verify everyone in the net acknowledged receipt.
- **Part 3:** Return to the W4ACS repeater system for closing remarks and net deactivation.

Objectives

This drill had two objectives.

- Provide training to the membership on Simplex mode operation.
- Identify the appropriate number of relay stations, and practice relaying information between net participants.

1.2 AFTER ACTION REPORT

Unfortunately, only 5 members checked-in to participate in the drill. This was not a large enough group to meet any of the training objectives. Therefore, after asking for member feedback and recommendations, the drill was shutdown after only 13 minutes.

The comments and recommendations I received centered on how to achieve a higher participation rate for the drills. Let me walk you through what we are going to change in support of the September drill.

No.	Comments	Response
1	Recommend that drill be better advertised. Noticed that no information was posted on the Drill page of the PACS Web site.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training Officer will update the Website prior to the Drill so that the membership can review the details of the drill prior to the net. 2. On the morning of the drill, the Training officer will send an email via the ARESDB to the membership that details the time and date of the drill. 3. Update the events calendar with details of the drill earlier in the month. 4. The training officer will continue to brief the membership about the drill on the Tuesday training net prior to the drill.
2	Make the fourth Thursday of each month the standard date for monthly Drills.	Concur. Will update the events calendar accordingly as a standing event.
3	The following stations participated in the August 2021 Drill: WA1RYQ, W8QFV, KC4SXO, N2DW, W7WMS	

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No.	Comments	Response
4	Unfortunately, we did not have a enough stations participate in the Drill to meet any of the drill objectives. The drill will be rescheduled for September.	

1.3 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

I'd like to pause here for a minute and ask if anyone has an additional comment, question, or recommendations about the drill. Specifically, if you have an additional recommendation that will help with participation, please let me know. If you have a comment, question or recommendation, please provide me with your call sign, slowly, clearly, and phonetically so I don't make a mistake when I respond. And then ask your question or provide me with your comment.

This is WA1RYQ.

[PAUSING FOR QUESTIONS]

1.4 CONCLUSION.

That completes this week's training session.

The next Winlink Training net is currently scheduled for Wednesday, September 1st, at 1930 hours local. This will be a mixed voice and data net with the voice segment taking place on the W4ACS repeater. A Winlink bulletin describing the planned net activities has been sent to all registered ACS Winlink users and is also posted on the Pinellas ACS Web site. Please review this information prior to the net.

If you are interested in Winlink training and would like to participate, or if you have training topic suggestions for the weekly net, please send me an email. I can be contacted via email at WA1RYQ@arrl.net. My contact information is also available on the Pinellas ACS Web site.

And finally, I will be on vacation next week so I will not be available to support next Tuesday's training net. I'll be back in town and available to resume training during the week of September 14th.

Now with that, I'll turn it back to Net Control.

1.5 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

The following table contains a summary of the comments and questions provided by the membership during the presentation.

No.	Call Sign	Comments	Response
1	K04JZM	Is participation in the monthly Drill restricted to PACS members?	No, participation in the monthly drill is open to everyone.
2	W8IM	Suggestion for holding Drills on the Forth Monday of each month.	W8QFV stated that a Monday night Drill would conflict with an existing net schedule.