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Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services Team

WC1MAB



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This Month in Emergency Communications: MEMA and FEMA Offered Training

The emergency management landscape is constantly changing and evolving. As emergency communicators, RACES volunteers should always be striving to improve their capabilities and understanding of emerging communications technologies as well as changes to the response plans and tactics of their served agencies. There are many ways to keep skills fresh including participation in the monthly RACES/EMCOMM nets, participation with local ARES groups and attending meetings held by your local Emergency Management Agencies. Another option that is available for continuing training is through courses offered by FEMA and MEMA. FEMA offers independent study courses in various emergency management areas. Information on these training courses can be found through their online portal <https://training.fema.gov/is/>.

MEMA also has training opportunities throughout the Commonwealth. Information about these trainings is available at <https://mematraining.chs.state.ma.us/TRS/home.do>. These training sessions often give priority selection to full time and part time emergency personnel who may require the training for certification in their career paths. Through coordination with your local EMD, open slots are occasionally allowed to be filled by local emergency management volunteer staff which should include duly appointed RACES Radio Operators.

Monthly Net Report

The October communications test night had a solid number of checkins. To get a better idea of the distribution of RACES Stations in our region I have included a map graphic showing the checked-in RACES stations. I am hoping to have more useful plots like this moving forward as I better learn the GIS programming command sets.

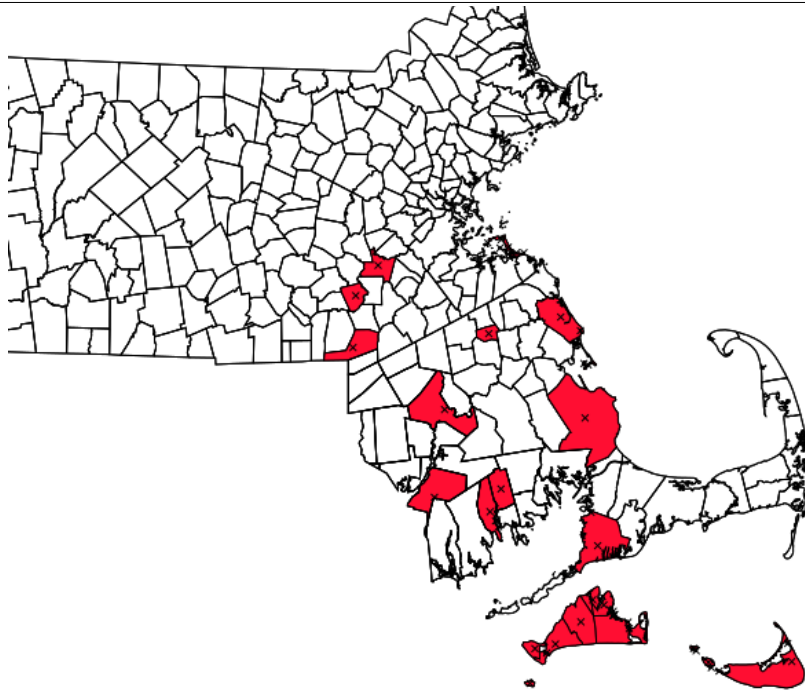
For the nets, a total of **36 check-ins** were noted across the four sector nets many of whom were RACES stations. This number includes a few RACES stations who had multiple operators checking in from the same operating position.

Three of the four nets were run with Net Control Operations being handled by Region 2 Headquarters operators (WC1MAB) and the Sector 2D net being handled by Jeff, N1JCM which is our normal operating posture for the monthly net.

Region 2 HQ did not participate in the monthly HF net due to the dipole antenna being out of service. Work continues on getting a replacement HF antenna up and running, however there is no longer any ETA on this work being completed at this time.

Next month's net will be held on **Monday November 7th, 2016** at the regularly scheduled

times.



RACES Station Checkins - October 03, 2016

Sector 2A

Net Control (WC1MAB) : N1YLQ - Mike

RACES Stations

- 1.) Acushnet – WA1EMA (KA1RSY) Ed
- 2.) Fall River – WA1MZL – Steve
- 3.) New Bedford – N1IXC/N1JXZ
- 4.) Rehobeth – KB1LAC
- 5.) MEMA R2 HQ – WC1MAB/N1YLQ

Non-RACES / Non-Sector Stations

- 1.) New Bedford– AC7RB Mark
- 2.) Rochester – AG1B - Richard

Sector 2B

Net Control (WC1MAB) : N1YLQ - Mike

RACES Stations

- 1.) Marshfield - KA1PS – George
- 2.) Middleboro – KB1TEE
- 3.) Plymouth - KB1RAV
- 4.) Whitman – KB1MTW, N1FRE, KC1DWY
- 5.) Taunton – N1EZH – Barry
- 6.) MEMA Region 2 HQ - WC1MAB

Non-RACES / Non-Sector Stations

- 1.) New Bedford– AC7RB Mark

Sector 2C

Net Control (WC1MAB): N1UMJ - John

RACES Stations

- 1.) MEMA Region 2 HQ – WC1MAB
- 2.) Falmouth – K1RK
- 3.) Dukes County – KB1QL
- 4.) Nantucket – N1MBQ
- 5.) Falmouth Hospital – W1HQH
- 6.) Acushnet - WA1EMA

Non-RACES / Non-Sector Stations

- 1.) Falmouth - K1WCC
- 2.) Nantucket – KB1ILC
- 3.) Nantucket – K1PJR

Sector 2D

Net Control (Local): N1JCM - Jessica

RACES Stations

- 1.) MEMA Region 2 HQ – WC1MAB
- 2.) Dover – WJ1R
- 3.) Hull - KC1CK
- 4.) Millis - K1HRV Dave
- 5.) Wrentham – WA1ARL

Non-RACES / Non-Sector Stations

- 1.) KC1AGQ
- 2.) KB1OQA
- 3.) KB1NCG – Marek – East MA SEC
- 4.) KC1DOD