

## Central Arkansas Ultra High Frequency Group

Monday, April 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Location: Larry's Pizza, 12911 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR

The meeting was called to order by Randy Wright, AE5RW, President.

### Repeater Report – Steven Hicks, W5NLR

Steven reported that Mr. Richard Duncan, WD5B, located in Dardanelle, has requested and been linked with AR Links.

- Mr. Duncan's VHF repeater is 146.685, minus offset, with a 141.3 tone;
- Repeater easily covers Dardanelle, Russellville, Danville and surrounding areas;
- Richard is a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and has many years of experience in communications;
- He has an excellent website located at [www.WD5B.net](http://www.WD5B.net);
- This repeater is now listed on the CAUHF.org webpage under, Arkansas River Valley and Western Arkansas Repeaters;
- Although the link is in operation as of April 1, there is a minor issue that will be corrected in the next few days.
- CAUHF is excited to have the Dardanelle repeater available to the club. Please give Richard, WD5B, a call on the AR Links System and thank him for linking to us!

### Guest Speaker

Andy Traffenstedt, Director of the Pulaski County Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

- OEM is located off Roosevelt Road;
- Employees are on call 24/7;
- OEM works with various departments (Police, Fire, FBI, Game and Fish) and covers geographic areas to provide either the lead or assistance with emergent situations;
- Personnel include: Fire Service Coordinator, Hazardous Materials Response Team, Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, County Radiation Officer;
- Specialized equipment available includes:
  - Advanced Detection Systems (solid/liquid detections and other detection equipment including spectrometers);
  - Patient Decontamination Equipment;
  - Weapons of Mass Destruction Equipment;
  - Crane Operations;
  - Concrete Cutting;
  - Torch Operations;
  - High Angle Grain Bin Operations;
  - Petrogen® Torch (portable cutting system using a gasoline-oxygen mixture);
  - Canine (K-9) Disaster Dogs;
  - Acoustic Triangulating Device;
  - Trench Rescue (air knife and vacuum system);
  - Zodiac® Inflatable boat (water rescue and flood response);
  - Argo® Amphibious ATV (capsized boat response);
  - Thermal imaging cameras (heat seeking devices and can detect product levels in tanks);
  - Siren towers—there are 32 tornado sirens used in un-incorporated Pulaski County;
- OEM Community Responses:

- Assisted with Hurricane Katrina refugees
- Morrilton building collapse
- Vilonia tornadoes
- Lonoke grain bin recovery
- Sweet Home automobile/train entrapment
- OEM other responsibilities:
  - Work with other agencies to have judge issue Burn Bans;
  - Inspection of storm shelters
    - Creating a map of homes with storm shelters for future reference tool, if needed;
  - Assist the community during ice storms;
- Communications equipment:
  - Use the Incident Command System;
  - There is an Emergency Operations Center;
  - Quarterly and Annual training;
  - Additional training is necessary if new equipment is introduced;
  - AWIN (Arkansas Wireless Information Network) 800 MHZ;
  - VHF Fire radios;
  - Marine band portable radios;
  - Ham radios in EOC;
  - Stand-alone VHF with repeater on USAR and Hazmat vehicles;
  - Changed from Motorola to Harris due to tri-band capabilities.

## **Board Update**

The Board met in January 2016.

The Board discussed a variety of issues, one being engineering is the weakest link of the club. More assistance would be appreciated to help cover the geographic needs of the club.

The Board will begin meeting on a quarterly basis, approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the quarterly meeting. The last meeting was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, on a Saturday morning for brunch. All are welcomed to attend.

## **Door Prizes**

Princella Smith was the lucky recipient of the raffle grand prize of a Baofeng® dual band hand held radio! Congratulations, Princella!

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2016 at 5:30 PM; location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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S/Margie Wofford, KG5EPM  
CAUHF Secretary-Treasurer