

# Auxiliary Emergency Communications (AEC)

## Training Course

### Unit 11: Final Exercise Exam



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## Severe Storm/Flooding



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## Severe Storm/Flooding Background

- Major power disruption across the region and neighboring states
  - Over 250,000 customers without power
- Cell phone coverage intermittent and overloaded
- Few landline based telephones are operating
- Minimal to no Internet



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## Severe Storm/Flooding Background (Cont)

- No radio stations except a few "locals"
- Numerous shelters established by Red Cross
- Service stations unable to deliver gas (no Internet)
- State Public Safety network severely impacted



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## Public Safety Infrastructure Impacted



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## FEMA Declaration As Of Today



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## Requested Support

- Direct data & voice communications between state EOC and regional/local EOCs
- Relay situational awareness information
- Transfer resource requests



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## Requested Support (Cont)

- Shadow critical personnel across the state to relay info to EOCs
  - DOT
  - Utilities
- Support local data & voice communications between EOCs and Red Cross shelters



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## AEC Recon Team



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## Exercise Tasking

Using the ICS Form 217A already developed for your area, develop and ICS Organization chart and an ICS Form 205 to support the AEC response.



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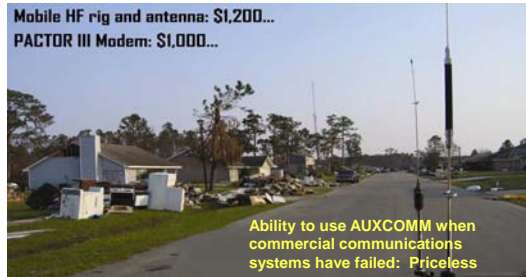
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## Cost

Mobile HF rig and antenna: \$1,200...  
PACTOR III Modem: \$1,000...



Ability to use AUXCOMM when commercial communications systems have failed: Priceless

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## Take A-ways

The Key To Success is Training:

- Train frequently
- Train as if it were a real event
- Train using Standing Operating Procedures
- Train by supporting local events:
  - Festivals
  - Sporting Events
  - EOC Exercises
- Always keep COMLs in the region in the loop when training

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## Course Review

### DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF COURSE OBJECTIVES



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## Review of Course Objectives

Has the AEC course met the following course objectives:

- Identify the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the AEC and the AEC Manager
- Arrive at an all-hazards incident properly equipped, gather information to assess the assignment, and begin initial planning
- Plan, staff, manage, and demobilize the AEC Resources in a safe and effective manner



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*Train as you operate, operate as you train*



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