

Exercise Sybill

RAYNET ZONE 4 NEWS ITEMS

Communications Exercise "SYBIL" 28th January

ZONE 4 - EXERCISE BRIEF

EXERCISE NAME Exercise SYBIL

DATE Sunday 28th January 2007

TIME 1000 to 1400 local - (UTC)

1. EXERCISE OBJECTIVES

The prime objective of the exercise is to provide an opportunity for groups and members to gain experience in sending and receiving formal written messages and to forward messages within the zone.

The message forms and procedures detailed in the RAYNET Voice Procedure will be used.

The procedure was produced by the Emergency Planning Team and last revised in August 2004. The procedure was also endorsed by the RSGB RCVS as a key document to facilitate a common method of exchanging messages between groups across the country.

This document may be found on the RAYNET website at - <http://www.raynet-uk.net/ep/message.htm>

2. EXERCISE SCENARIO

For the purposes of this exercise it should be assumed that there is wide spread flooding across the region and that there is serious disruption to the road and rail infrastructure and utility services including, electricity supplies, and fixed and mobile phone networks.

3. EXERCISE PLAYERS

Groups are requested to nominate 2 or 3 stations per group. These stations should be at locations that the group consider appropriate to the exercise scenario. Experience gained from previous coverage exercises should be taken into account when considering forwarding messages between groups, counties etc.

ACTION 1 - Groups to post to the Zonal Reflector, or direct to g4kuj@raynet-uk.net, the call signs and locations of their participating stations by 1200 on Thursday 25th January.

A consolidated list will then be posted on the forum by the end of 25th January.

4. EXERCISE FORMAT

The time period from 1000 to 1030 will be used to establish which stations are active and which stations can hear each other. Well sited stations are asked to facilitate this process. All stations should use 144.650 MHz during this part of the exercise.

The time period from 1030 to 1400 will be used for formal message handling.

Using 144.650MHz as a common net channel to establish communications, stations should mutually agree to move to another frequency to exchange formal messages and then return to 144.650MHz when they have completed the traffic in order to set up further contacts.

Received messages may be forwarded to other stations for onward transmission. It would be nice to see messages passed from one extremity of the zone to another.

5. MESSAGES

Prior to the exercise participating stations should generate a number of messages that are appropriate to the scenario and take into account local knowledge and arrangements. The message forms included in the Voice Procedure are to be used for the generation and reception of messages in order to facilitate post exercise analysis.

Messages should be between 15 and 20 words in length and include a mixture of words and figures.

It must be made clear that all messages are 'EXERCISE MESSAGES'.

6. FREQUENCIES

The Forest Heath Group will be active on a long distance horse event and frequencies to avoid will be posted on the reflector. Otherwise the normal 'RAYNET' frequencies should be the first choice for the exercise.

7. REPORTING

Details of the reporting sheets will be issued shortly.

8. ANALYSIS

Participants should keep copies of all messages sent and received and it proposed that all of these will be collated for analysis. Further details are to follow.

The exercise will also be an agenda item for the Zonal meeting on the 11th of February.

Trevor Groves, G4KUJ

De Terry G4PSH Exercise Sybil 28 th Jan 07 1000-1400hrs. Covering Areas Tring Buckinghamshire to Norfolk with 14 Stations taking part on a Comms and Message handling exercise.

1030 to 1200 G4PSH/A 144.650 Air Cadets Sutton Stalham 25w slim jim R/C with GOTAM MOCNP GR B/w

No other station heard on freq

1205 to 1400 G4PSH Home QTH 25w 9ele vert beam sw

1213 G7SCR Ipswich Fire HQ 144.775 rx g/r tx w/ readable at times

1217 G1SAR Rendlesham Woodbridge 144.775 rx g/r tx w/readable at times

Radio checks made without much problem but not good enough to pass traffic (did try) QSB main problem.If how ever I had used my 50W tx rx from the car in the house We should have been OK for Message Handling to Ipswich areas.

I then QSYd to our Freq 144.650 and had a little message handling Exercise with Alan GOTAM

and we passed 8 messages both ways.

I remained QAP till 1400hrs but negative heard.

But at least Norfolk took part in Zone 4 RAYNET exercise and a de-brief and Log Sheet has been sent to

Trevor G4KUJ the organiser.

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