

# Amethyst ARES

EC Meeting Minutes  
23 September 2020

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Meeting convened online at 2130Z

*Action items are in italics*

**Present:** VE3FYN (chair), VE3MXJ, VE3RYD, VE3JJA, VA3ECO, VE3YDN

**Regrets:**

**Topics:**

1. EOC Contact Information (VE3JJA)
  - a. All EOC stations should have a printed copy of contact and station information of Amethyst EOC stations.

*Station information sheet attached. Please complete and return to VE3FYN, who will compile and circulate.*

2. ARES ID Cards (VE3JJA)
  - a. After a discussion, it was agreed that ECs and AECs should have laminated photo ID cards.
  - b. AEC cards shall be assigned and signed by the respective ECs.
  - c. EC cards shall be assigned and signed by the DEC.

*VE3FYN will draft a card for review at next meeting. Each EC will be responsible for printing/laminating.*

3. VARA Chat Training (VE3JJA)
  - a. After a discussion, it was agreed to test JS8Call as an HF Chat mode.
  - b. VA3ECO agreed to provide technical support regarding installation of JS8Call.

*JS8Call will be tested following next Wednesday's net. VE3FYN will send a notice to Amethyst ARES members.*

4. RAC SET October 31<sup>st</sup> (VE3FYN)
  - a. Amethyst ARES will participate in this year's SET in the form of a winter storm exercise.
  - b. PEOC EOC is not likely to be involved.

- c. Municipal EOCs will not be involved.
- d. Due to COVID19 concerns, individual ECs will determine whether to operate from home or EOC.

*VE3JJA will design and deliver an exercise.*

#### 5. Definitions (VE3FYN)

- a. For clarity in monthly reports and other reporting, the following definitions of traffic shall be applied:

- i. Traffic: "real" third party traffic originating from or sent to a non amateur radio party

e.g. a message relayed from a remote amateur station to a non-amateur via telephone.

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- ii. Bulletins: "real" information generated by and sent to other amateurs.

e.g. a meeting agenda sent via Winlink to ECs.

- iii. Training: messages sent in any format as part of a formal or informal training exercise.

e.g. WX reports

#### 6. Updates

- a. (VE3MXJ) RAC has appointed a national training coordinator
- b. (VE3MXJ) VE3MXJ will represent Amethyst ARES at monthly Emergency Measures Amethyst Sector Meetings.
- c. (VE3JJA) VE3JJA is giving all his ARES members individual tours through the Sioux Narrows EOC station.
- d. (VE3MX) VE3MXJ is participating in a mock disaster exercise staged by the US Coast Guard.

#### 7. Other Items

- a. VE3MXJ suggested that one EC each month should operate from his EOC station and provide a virtual tour.

*VE3FYN will operate from VA3EOA at next meeting.*

- b. VE3MXJ moved that Amethyst ARES EC online meetings should be held on the last Wednesday of each month following the HF Net - carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2230Z

Next meeting: 28 October 2020 at 2130Z