

Fall 2021 After Action Report

The to main objectives of the Fall CDE were Personnel Accountability and Triage.

The Numbers

Total number of registrants	254
Participants (registered)	214
Participants (actual)	179
Number of combined teams	20
Proctors	19
Observers from other jurisdictions	21

Hours

179 participants
 x 3.63 hours each
 631.62 total hours



AROs

See surveys below

What to participants want to focus on for the spring CDE?

- Working with Forms
- Medical treatment area expectations
- Using the team Ops Plan during the CDE
- Setting up ICS

Response to survey questions (Perfect score 5.0)

CDE Feedback Scores (Perfect Score is 5.0)						
Date	The exercise was well structured and organized	The overall exercise was plausible and realistic	The individual scenarios were plausible and realistic.	The exercise will help me be a better NET member	I felt that my participation was valued and necessary	The Incident Team Leader (ITL) built a strong plan
Spring 2021	3.86	3.86	3.83	4.08	3.82	3.43
Fall 2021	4.31	3.79	4.32	4.03	4.35	4.08

Many commented that they really liked the 48 hours after the quake scenario. They felt that it allowed them to do a bit of pre-planning and hit the ground running at the start of the exercise, rather than trying to start from square one.

Participants liked that their neighborhoods were used rather than generic addresses. There were comments about the sample Form 3. Next time, we need to be more explicit that the sample form is just that. It was meant as an example of how to fill in the form.

They felt injects were realistic. Most participants felt there the number of injects were good...one team wanted more.

A few participants did not understand what they were to do ahead of time to plan for their team in order to start the exercise. One respondent thought that the Planning Committee was going to tell them how to use their Passport system once in their breakout room.

South Burlingame Passport Board



Proctor Reports

Excellent response from all Proctors. One Proctor did not arrive on the day of, which means that next time we need to have a few alternate Proctors waiting in the wings just in case.

Proctors were from NET; West Salem CERT, Woodburn CERT; Tri-County CERT in Nebraska; Valley CERT (Los Angeles); LAFD CERT (Los Angeles); and MCARES. Thank you to all!

Proctors for this exercise acted as the outgoing ITL (although with one Proctor missing, we did the handoff in the main room before sending teams to breakout rooms.) Proctors provided the injects (thank to you Glenn for giving Portsmouth/University Park NET with their injects as they were the team missing their Proctor.

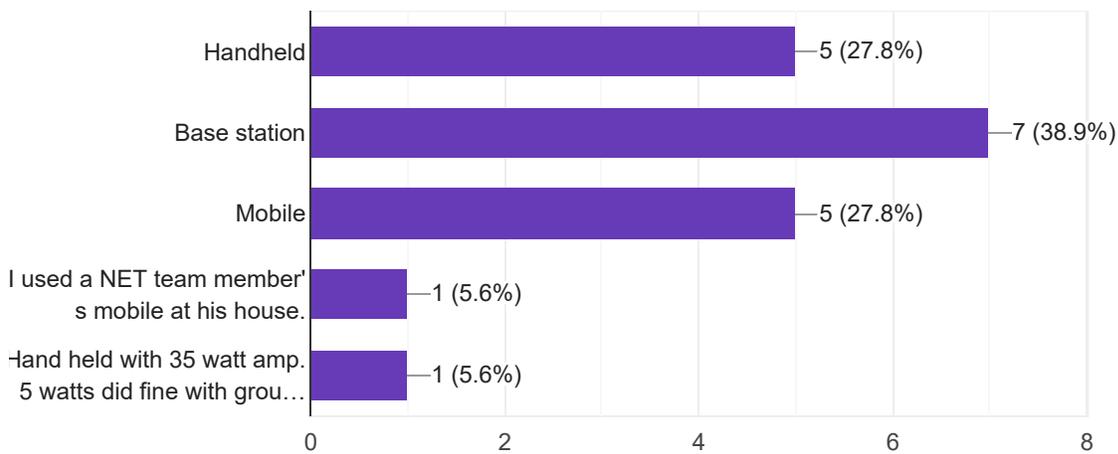
ARO Survey for Citywide Deployment Exercise (CDE) on November 7, 2021

19 responses

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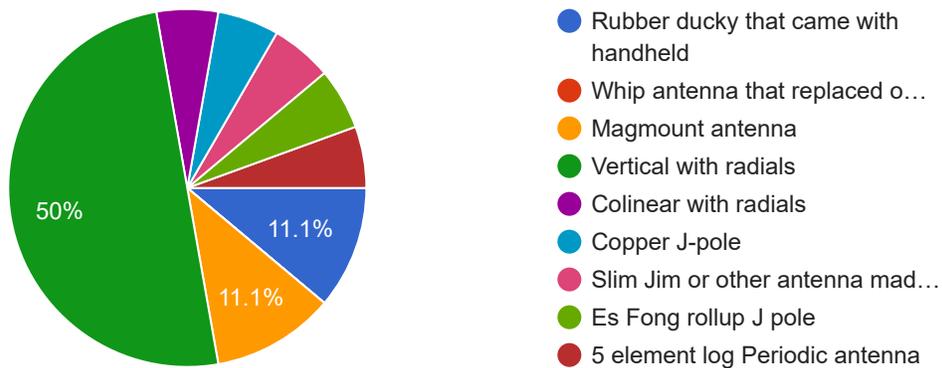
Type of the radio you used during the CDE on November 7th (check all that apply)

18 responses



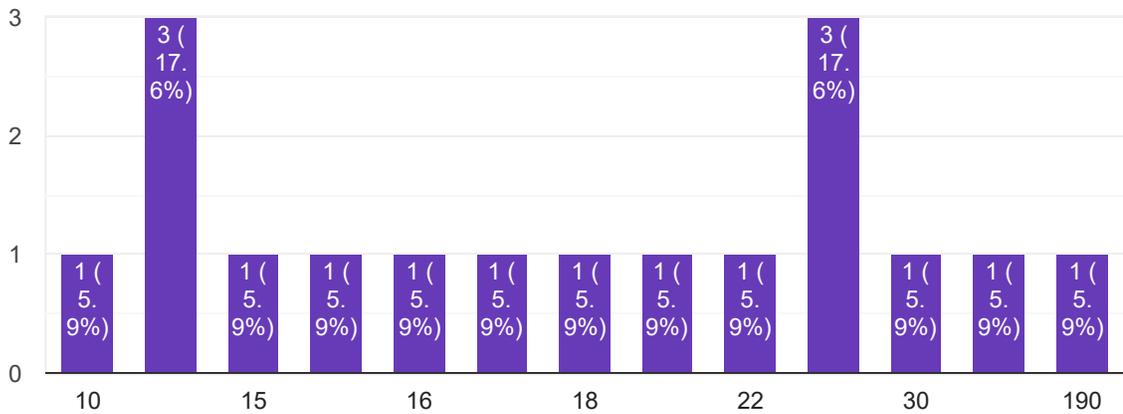
Type of the antenna you primarily used

18 responses



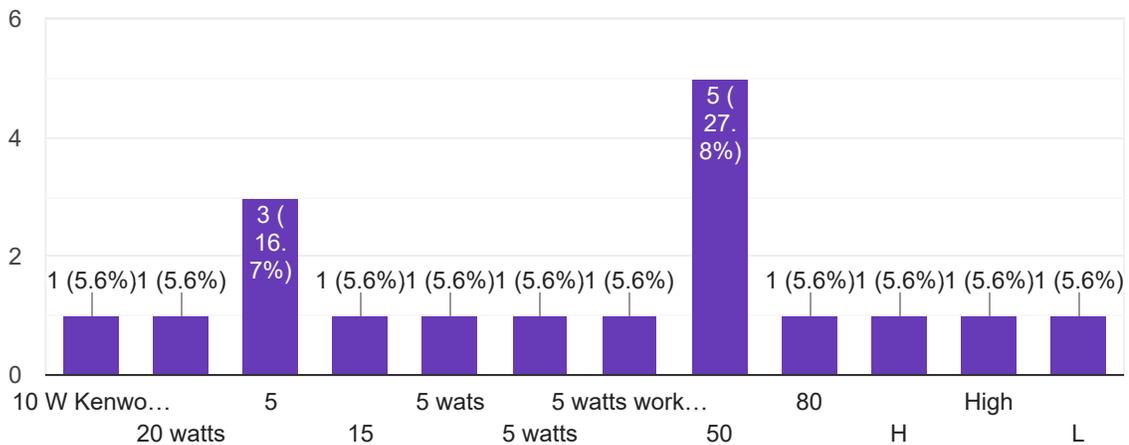
Rough estimate of height of the base of your antenna above ground level (not above sea level) in feet during contacts with subnet control.

17 responses



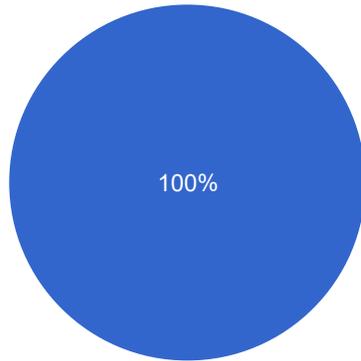
Transmit power that you used in watts. (Most handhelds use 5 watts when set to high power.) If your radio has L, M or H power settings instead of watts and you're not sure what they correspond to, indicate L, M or H instead of watts.

18 responses



Were you able to check into the Resource Net?

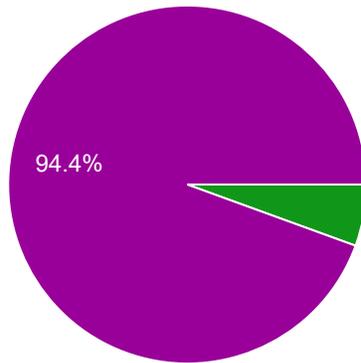
18 responses



- Yes
- No

How well could you hear the Resource Net?

18 responses

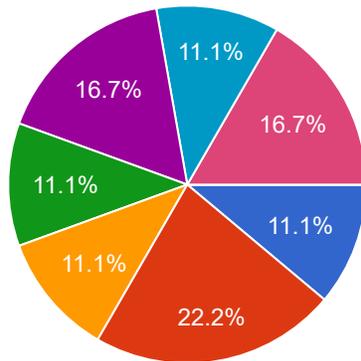


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What subnet region did you participate in?

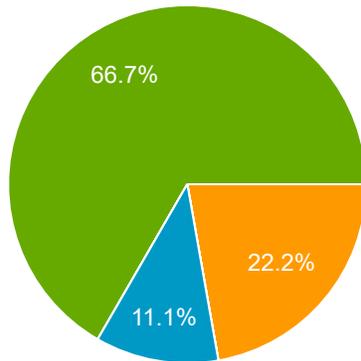
18 responses



- Alameda North and New Northeast
- Alameda South
- Columbia and Outer East
- River North
- River South
- Southeast
- Westside
- None of the above as I didn't check into a subnet

If you tried another subnet before the one you selected above, what was that other subnet?

9 responses

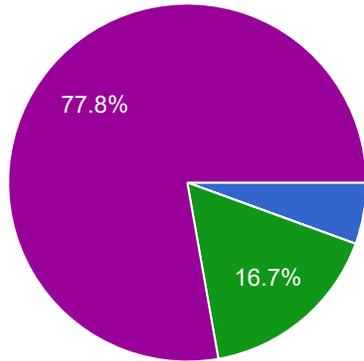


- Alameda North and New Northeast
- Alameda South
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- Southeast
- Westside
- None of the above as I checked into the region I originally tried.



How well could you hear your Subnet Controller?

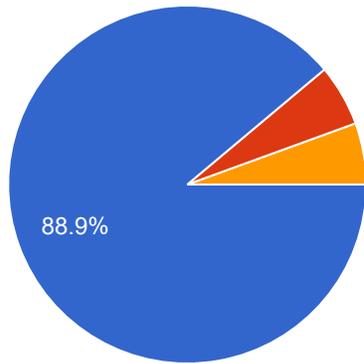
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Were you able to check into your subnet?

18 responses

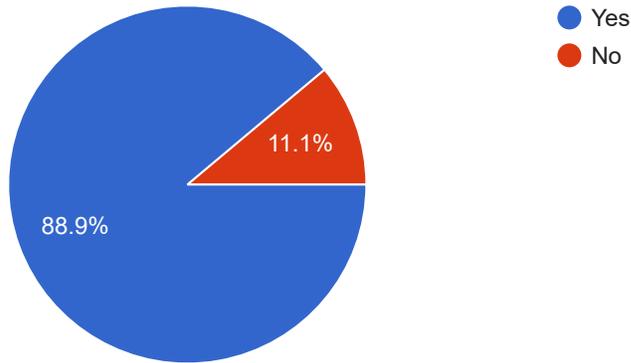


- Yes
- No
- resorted to telephone (simulation)



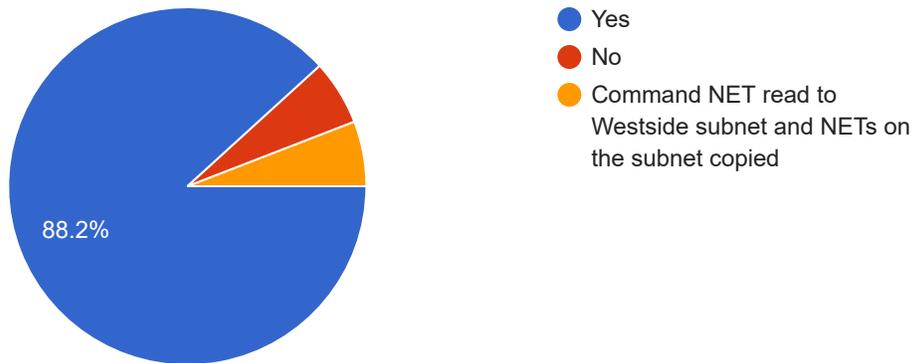
Did you read one or more NET Form 8s to your subnet controller?

18 responses



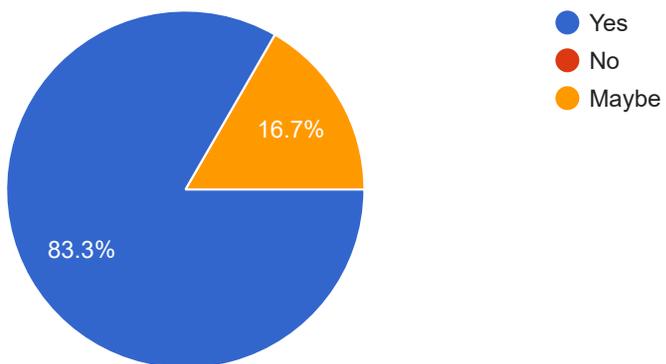
Did your Subnet Controller read a Form 8 or an announcement to you during the exercise?

17 responses



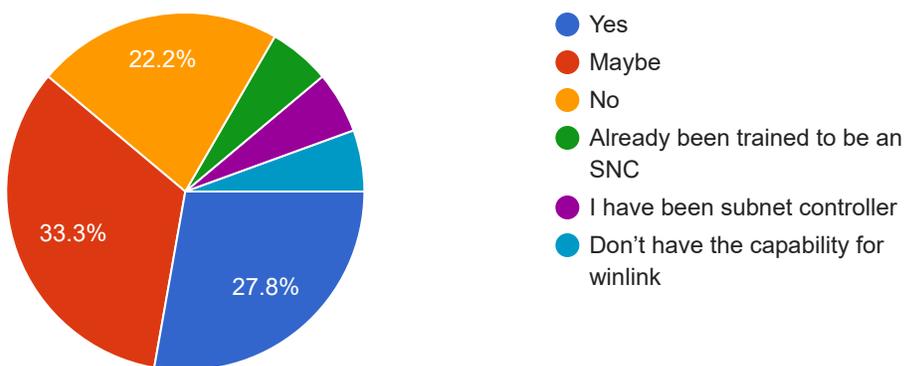
Do you expect to participate again as an ARO in the future?

18 responses



Are you interested in learning to be a Subnet Controller?

18 responses



How could the ARO instructions provided for this exercise be improved?

15 responses

If there were about 3 or less pages short version also exist, it was very useful.

they were very clear

For CDEs, I produce a sheet of reference tables, which include a concise schedule, the all the frequencies I expect to use, key terms/ideas, and anything else I might need to remember that can be captured concisely. We could try producing these for AROs, but there's also value in me putting these together, and in having team specific info.

No improvement needed

Prior to the exercise, have a set time for subnets to try communicating with AROs in the field

Explain the reply procedure to a Form 8 more clearly.

They were very good



How could these exercises be made more valuable in preparing you to help in an actual emergency?

11 responses

I could have operated from inside of my car.

I look forward to operating in real outdoor conditions post-pandemic.

have us try to communicate with other regions and ECC

The mechanics of message handling (filing systems and organizing) are left to the individual. I think PBEM should develop field proven methods for how to set up a Comms tent and message handling. How to use Winlink in the field, how to print messages, etc. should also be the method. People might choose to do something different but they have a baseline to work from.

Maybe a short version

no suggestions

Continuing to have exercises, and focusing on different skills / methods with each. The focus is good. In an actual emergency there will be so many things going on, but focus



Please provide any other comments you may have.

9 responses

Thank you very much for your work!!!

For the life of me I do not understand why NET ARO need any more than the Sub-net frequency by listening to the Sub-net check-ins to the Resource Net

Simplify the Form 8 reply procedure-perhaps numbering the original so something like'reply to message #3' 'no water pressure-River City Park-out'

Really like the fillable PDF forms!

exercise was well designed and helpful in advancing my ARO skills

I'm a beginner and found it to be excellent practice. There are some fine points in communication standards that I will probably take up with the AROs in my neighborhood. I do find it interesting that even though there seem to be a lot of "rules" about how to have a radio conversation, there is a lot of variation and I get the sense that this is okay. There are so many different situational engagements. I'd like to have a better understanding of what the "preferred" patterns are, so that I can learn them before I



Optional Information: Name, call sign and/or NET team

18 responses

Jiro Isetani, AA7JI Wilkes Centinel Brentwood-Darlington

Laurelhurst1

Laura KI7ZZQ Taborvilla

Jack Klinker KB7VHF Ashcreek

Jesse, KI7RQE, Hillsale/Mult Village

John Hilton KJ7FWU

Dave Given Parkrose/Argay NET

Dan Presley Sellwood Net N7CQR

Kent K7YXZ Foster-Powell

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6 responses

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Please provide your call sign.

6 responses

KI7QJG

KJ7DMV

K7MOJ

W3BRI

KF7YUO

Ki7rcy



Your name

6 responses

Bart Jackson

Jim Weisgram

Louise Rosen

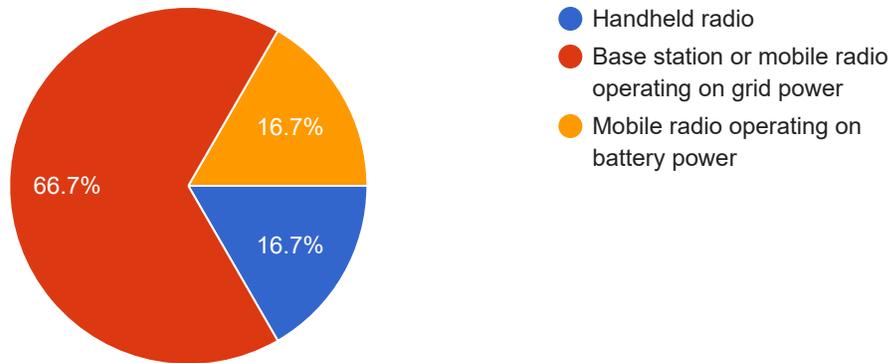
Brian Scott

Lee Younglove

Loren perry

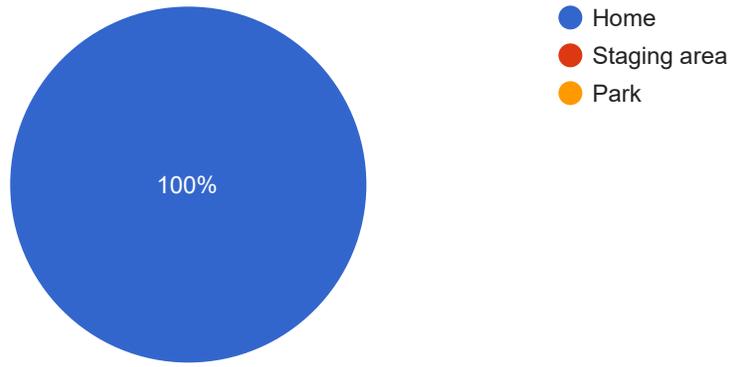
Type of the primary radio you used

6 responses



Type of location you used

5 responses



Street address or description of location where you operated

6 responses

1722 NE Clackamas St

6329vSE 68th PI

1327 S. Buddington St. PDX

Home- sw 49th & Moss

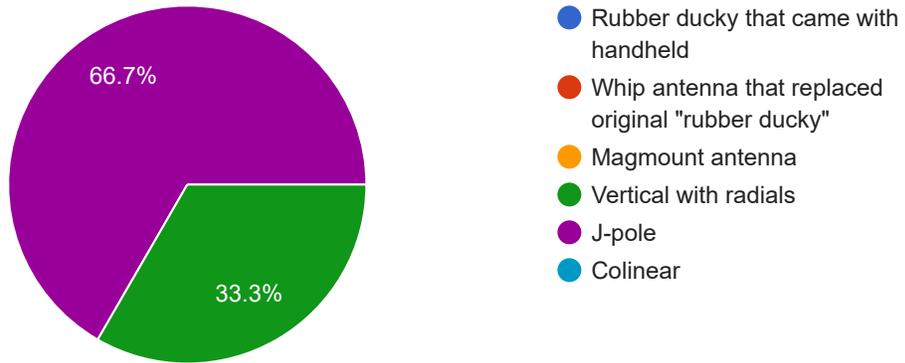
130 NE 41st Ave, Portland

7456 n wayland ave.



Type of the antenna you primarily used

6 responses



Approximate height of base of antenna above ground level (not above sea level) in feet

5 responses

20

520

40

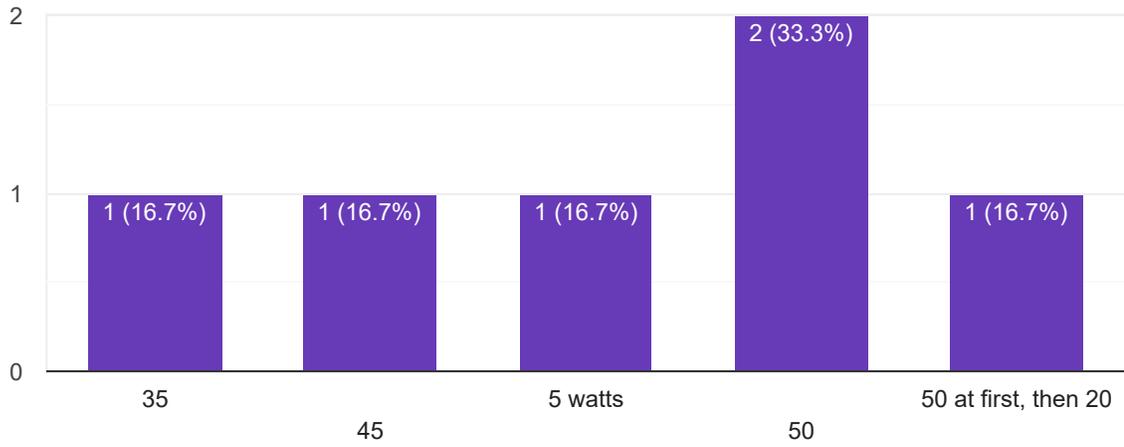
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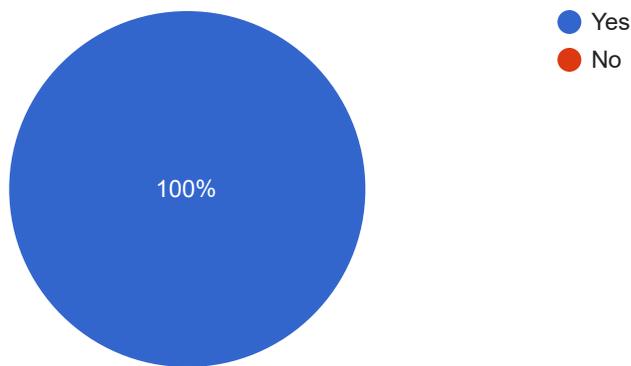
Transmit power that you used in watts. (An estimate is fine.)

6 responses



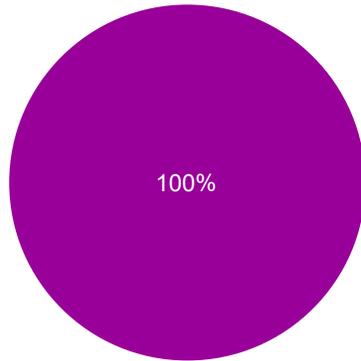
Were you able to check into the Resource Net?

6 responses



Please score the readability of Resource Net during your contacts.

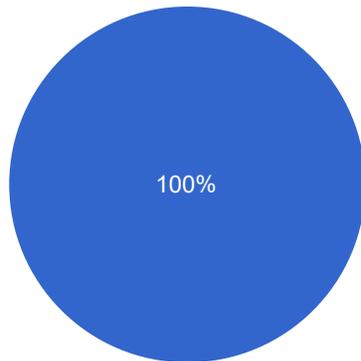
6 responses



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Were you able to check into the Tactical Net?

6 responses

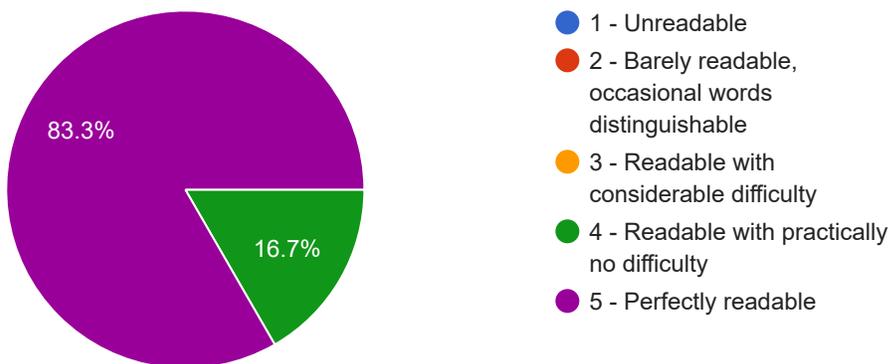


- Yes
- No



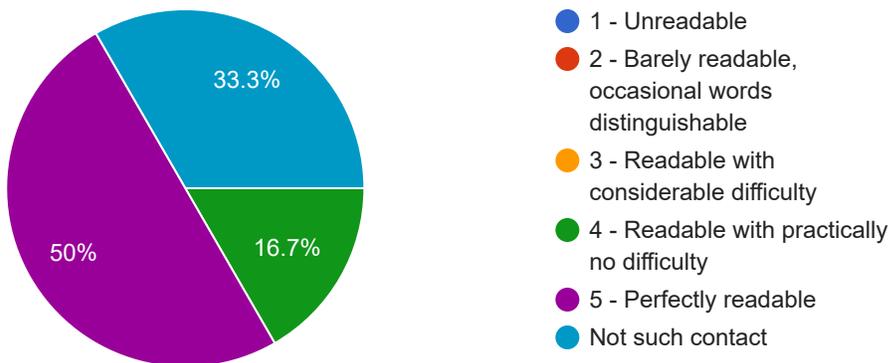
Please score the readability of Tactical Net during your contacts.

6 responses



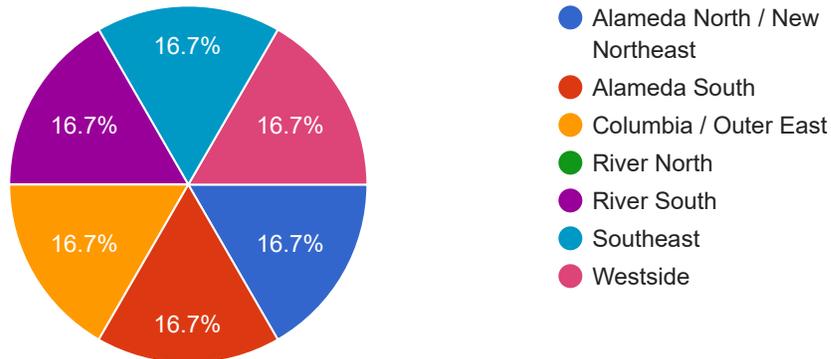
Please score the readability of Command Net when it contacted you to give you access to the gateway or read a NET Form 8.

6 responses



Which subnet did you run?

6 responses



The next question asks you to rate the readability of the Team ARO stations in your region. The rows are labeled ARO 1, ARO 2, etc. Please provide a list of tactical call signs of your stations in the order you intend to rate them.

5 responses

KJ7FWU

FOPD

KK6Lvi, K7FSW, N7LIM, N7CQR

ARO 1: Skyline

ARO 2: Laurelhurst

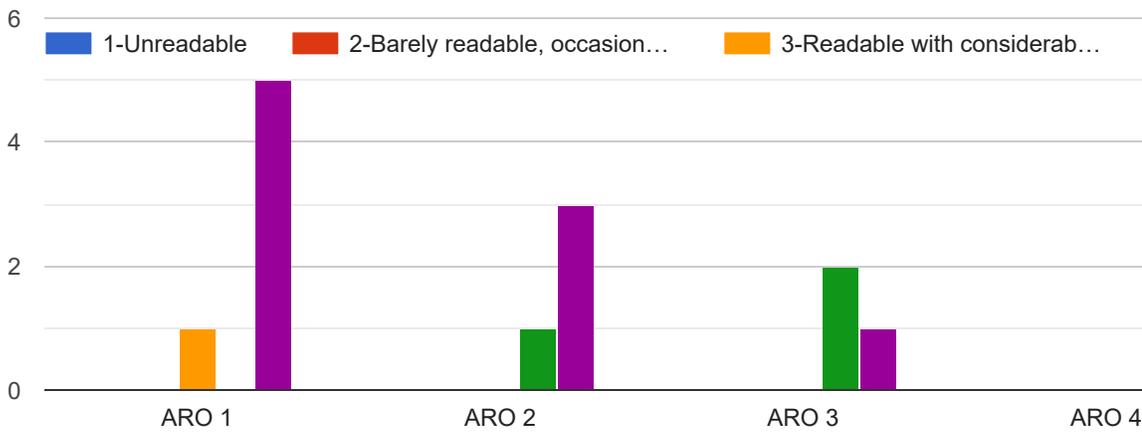
ARO 3: Grant Park 1

ARO 4: Taborvilla

St johns 1, pupnet 1

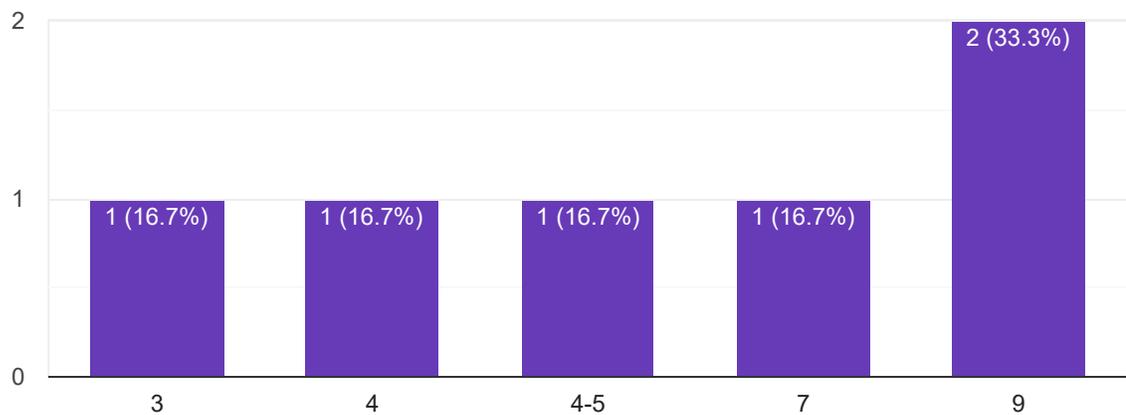


How well could you hear the AROs in your region (to the best of your recollection)?



How many NET Form 8s were read to you during the exercise?

6 responses



How did the reading of NET Form 8s go?

6 responses

No problem with any message. No fills needed.

Went well

Well

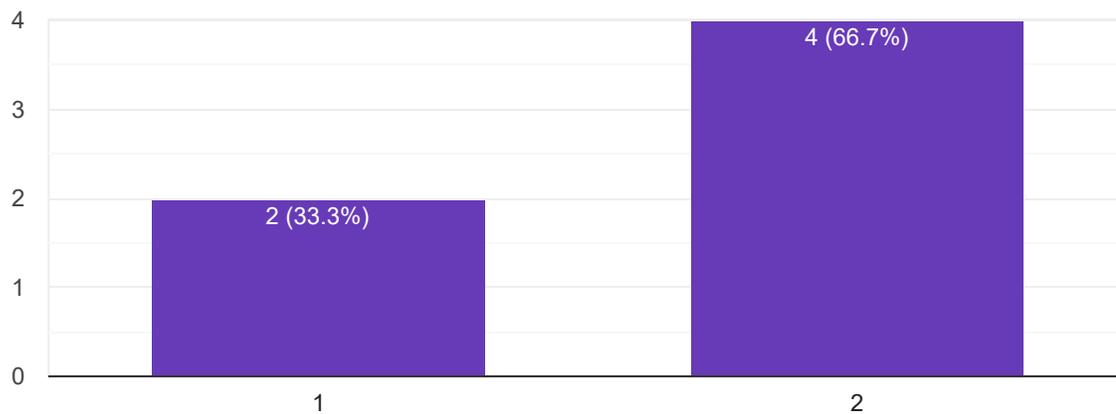
Very good from Command. AROs did well with pacing. Most pro words were appropriate. Form 8 content from the team ITLs had some issues.

Very well. Pacing, enunciation and use of pro-words enabled accurate recording with minimal request for fills.

Excellent

How many NET Form 8s did you read to team AROs during the exercise?

6 responses



How did your reading of Net Form 8s to team AROs go?

6 responses

No problem with any message. No fills needed.

Went well

Well

Very well.

Very well, it seemed. The signal between SNC and all 4 teams was strong. On the Net Form 8 requesting casualty counts, 3 of 4 teams replied with counts exactly as requested for categories Immediate, Delayed, Minor and Deceased. One team replied using colors Red, Yellow, Green and Black.

Good!

Approximately how many Form 8s did you transmit to ECC and did you voice or Winlink?

6 responses

2 over Winlink, as attachments to 1 message

1

5

1 by voice, 4 by WinLink.

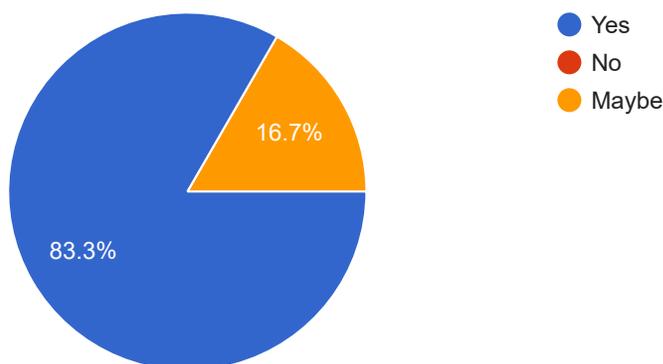
Voice: 0, Winlink: 1 (after the exercise closed at 3:30)

4 i think, via winlink.



Would you like to as a subnet control again in the future?

6 responses



How could these exercises be made more valuable in preparing you to help in an actual emergency?

6 responses

Post Covid, we should be in person at staging areas with whatever radio equipment we can setup there.

More time available to complete task. I had considerable time troubleshooting.

More closely matching the time to the amount of tasks and spreading out the tasks so most do not come at the final minutes. // I can share, and may shared, some via email.

More digital traffic from ECC.

Value for me would be to:

1. Practice managing the physical paperwork. I was challenged beyond my capabilities in tracking the volume of Net Form 8s and replies by priority. I was unable to deliver all the Net Form 8s via Winlink in the time allotted to the exercise.
2. Practice recording Net Form 6 entries promptly and accurately.
3. Practice working with a Scribe.

More!!!! More forms. I believe an "Aro and sub net controllers" preview day would be great,



Please provide any other comments you may have.

5 responses

I brought my antenna indoors and it prevented receiving 1 ARO. I should have arranged to test that ahead of time.

Thank you for all your efforts. // The AROs, who were great, remained alert and on frequency, hearing and copying the firm 8s from Command nets delivery so I did not need to re-voice these.

Team leaders need training in how to prepare a Form 8 - addressing, identifying who it is from, date format, precedence, how to make a request for assistance, how to reply to a request, how to approve.

An interesting communication wrinkle: Skyline checked in to Alameda South, a different region than it is normally assigned. A Net Form 8 message Skyline delivered to Alameda South SNC required delivery across regions to the Saint Johns team. Fortunately the exercise documentation explained the procedure for cross region delivery.

Great time had by all. I'd like to do something similar more often to help create muscle memory.

Thank you for all of your efforts

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