

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

December 7, 1999

The meeting started with a Christmas Dinner with cold cuts and vegetable trays provided by the organization. A few covered dish items were also brought to the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 17 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes from the November 2nd meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to having the Christmas Dinner, several items of old business were not discussed and were to be held till the next month's meeting. Some items that were held till next meeting included: New 147.255 Repeater; GMRS License; Base of operations; Painting MOBILCOM-1; Clocks for road races; Registering with FCC; Six Meter radio; Copy of everyone's Amateur License; Topo Map Program; Possible drill at Tyler County;

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Thanksgiving Safety Break.

Ken, WA8LLM said the Binoculars, Bullhorns, and Green Light have been put on MOBILCOM-1. Also the Back-up buzzer has been installed on MOBILCOM-1 as a safety device.

Pictures for ID Cards need to be taken, some have already been taken and ID Cards handed out.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Red Cross and Emergency Services Y2K Communication Drills which were held on December 2nd and December 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM suggested that since it's the end of one year, and the beginning of another one, that we should start looking for new members.

Ken, WA8LLM said that Safety Breaks are confirmed for Christmas and New Years. We need to start filling in the schedule and not wait till the last minute. The Christmas Safety Break will start at 6:00 am on Thursday, December 23rd and run through Sunday, December 26th at 6:00

pm. The New Years Safety Break will start on Thursday December 30th, 1999 and run through January 2nd, 2000.

There was a short critique of the Red Cross and State OES communication drills. One of the biggest concerns was the use of the ARRL RADIOGRAM. There was also a discussion about putting a remote receiver for the 147.255 MHz repeater in Wirt County. Ken, WA8LLM said that Jim Rose of Camden Clark said they would like to have an Amateur Radio HF station at the EOC, he will work with Jim on getting the radio installed.

Ken, WA8LLM said there was two other items purchased and were placed on MOBILCOM-1. They are two handheld 500,000 candlepower rechargerable spotlights.

Ken, WA8LLM said that Camden Clark Hospital EOC and the Red Cross want to have radio operators at their locations for the New Years, just in case something was to happen and communications are needed. Ken said that he and Dot, KC8HAI are going to be working the Midnight shift at the Safety Break over New Years, and that he would have MOBILCOM-1 at the Rest Area. Sam, N8SVX said he would work at Camdem Clark. Kevin Unit 253 said he would work with Sammy.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Mike Lot KC8JWR/Unit 267 David Stevens Unit 274, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Kevin Harris Unit 253, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Mary Smith Unit 952, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111. Guests; Shawna Mercer, Shannon Yoho.