



Los Angeles County Operational Area Disaster Communications Service Activation Report

District: EOB Response **Date:** 11/15/2007

Activity: OES Mutual Aid Request – San Diego County

Incident Commander (DCS): Jason Tucker, Staff 12

Number of Members: 9 **Hours:** 205 **Operators:** S1, S11, S12, R003, R124,
R135, N002, R131

How was DCS used:

Provide communications support. Augment OES and local staff. Assist residents in using telephonic and Internet based equipment. Presence to ensure security of OES Equipment.

Equipment / Modes of communication used: **OES Oasis Trailer, 2M**

OES OASIS Trailer is providing communications support to the disaster relief workers and residents in the Jamun and Romona areas of San Diego County.

2M Repeaters are providing communications between Amateur Radio Operators working the incident.

Other Agencies Involved: OES, Local Fire, RACES/ARES/ACS

Recap / Synopses:

Due to the destruction in the San Diego County Area, the Governors Office of Emergency Services requested mutual aid. There are four OASIS Trailers that are providing communications to the survivors in the Jamul and Ramona areas of San Diego. These trailers are providing access to phones and the Internet allowing residents to complete insurance and FEMA forms and contact those who are assisting them in rebuilding their lives and a link to emergency services. They must be staffed 24/7. DCS was requested to provide operators to staff these locations on 12 hour shifts.

On Sunday, 11/10/2007, EOB Sgt. Williams contacted Staff 12 requesting that he coordinate with OES contact Michelle Skiermont to provide support under mutual aid. Staff 12 made contact with Skiermont and informed EOB Sgt. Hargrave and Sgt. Jablonsky of such. The following action is a result of that contact;

On Monday, 11/11/2007, five operators deployed from Los Angeles County. R131 served as DCS Safety Officer while the team was traveling. Upon arrival we coordinated with OES Representative Joe Hickerson who provided a list of locations. DCS Personnel responded operators to those locations and staffed them on 12/12 shifts returning to Los Angeles at approximately 1900 hours on November 14. Additionally, DCS personnel provided clerical and coordination support thereby allowing the OES representatives to get some much needed rest.

What to do different next time:

OES should work with State RACES/ARES/ACS groups in an attempt to secure up to date lists of members that they can contact in the event of an incident. This lack of centralized information has hindered OES from being able to streamline its mission. The result appears to be the overtaxing of its OES volunteer and paid staff.

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