

# OCEC/RACES SIGNALS

*For the support of County Government during emergencies*



Oswego County Emergency  
Communicators/RACES  
200 North 2nd Street  
Fulton, NY 13069

## Oswego County Repeaters

147.150 mHz PL not req'd  
146.850 mHz PL not req'd  
442.350 mHz 103.5 PL

## Other repeaters of interest

146.670 mHz PL 151.4 Syracuse  
147.345 mHz No PL Phoenix

## Packet FlexDigi User Ports

EOC Fulton 145.090 mHz K2QQY  
Scriba 145.690 mHz KA2AON  
Hannibal 145.770 mHz K1YHR

## NETS

OCEC/RACES The 1st and 3rd Sunday  
of the month at 2000 Hrs. 147.150 mHz

NYS RACES Net Every Sunday Morn-  
ing at 0900 local on 3993.50 kHz

## WEB SITES

OCEC/RACES  
[www.oswegoraces.org](http://www.oswegoraces.org)

Fulton Amateur Radio Club  
[www.fultonhamradioclub.org](http://www.fultonhamradioclub.org)

Go to our web page for more links to  
interesting places.

*A monthly meeting is held in the  
lower level of the County Building  
on Route 481 North, Fulton,  
across from Mimi's restaurant.  
Access is through the west door  
until the meeting starts. Door is  
secured after that. Use the after  
hours button if late. Someone will  
come up and let you in. Meeting  
sign in is at 1850 hours local.*

## Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, November 19

**1850 - 1900 Sign In**  
**1900 - 1950 Show and tell  
from last month**  
**1950 - 2000 Break**  
**2000 - 2029 Grab and GO**  
**2030 - 2055 ARO Meeting**

## OFFICERS

John K2QQY Radio Officer  
Keith, WB2NVY ARO Admin  
Jim N2MGU ARO Comms  
Mark KC2JNI ARO Logistics  
Bob WA2AFF ARO Ops & Plan,  
Tom W2TQF ARO ARRL EC  
John N2MKH Unit Ldr Packet  
Steve KC2QXE Unit Ldr IT  
Brien KA2AON Unit Ldr Skywarn

## INSIDE

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## Hostile Action Drill held on November 6.

0830, Thursday morning, OCEC/RACES was activated and deployed to the EOC, JIC and EOF for backing up the communication systems. An attempt by a group of terrorists to access the nuclear plants was in progress and offsite situations were being through Emergency Management.

During the morning subjects like evacuation, traffic control and providing for the influx of outside resources was dealt with in the Operations Section.

Fortunately, communication systems held up and the terrorists were captured.

Thanks to Judy, KC2SUM for recording activities at the EOC.



Connie requesting tone alert activation from the NWS to instruct the public to tune to their local AES stations. Taking the request is Bob, WA2AFF, ARO Operations. In the digital, packet, position is John, N2MKH, Unit Leader Packet and Brien, KA2AON, Unit Leader Skywarn, is at the HF position ready to handle any long distances requests. Tim's, KC2SKG, elbow shows him at the VHF/UHF operating position handling net control duties.

No pictures, but Jim, N2MGU, ARO Communications and Henry, KC2SUL, manned the EOF with both packet and UHF systems.

Next door, Don, W2VIV, and Dave, WD4EKB, did duty at the JIC.

Thanks to all for their help.

(Drill cont'd)

Yaesu FT-7800's were installed at both the JIC and EOF for voice communication. These radios will stay at these locations for future use. For the time being, a portable packet radio/tnc will be needed for the JIC, whereas a full packet station is at the EOF.

We are still working on getting a second antenna installed at the JIC so that two independent stations can be operated. For now, packet will occupy the VHF side and voice the UHF side of the antenna.

Go Boxes, or however you want to call your quick and take equipment holder.

We are fortunate to have some equipment already installed at various locations in the County where we may be needed to operate from, but what to do about those other places where we may be sent? Wig wag and blinking morse code on a flashlight probably will not get the messages out. You will need equipment to take along and set up as an independent station.

What should be in your kit? There are many examples on the web and you can get ideas from them, but generally you can use your own instincts as to what you would need for a long operating period. For example, a mobile dual band radio is a popular item, but maybe a dual band HT with a separate power amp would serve your purpose just as well. It would provide a higher power level if needed, but may be just right at the HT level, thus conserving energy. A battery system to power your rig, along with a way to recharge these batteries, or in the case of an HT, maybe a box of spare batteries that could go into the battery case for the HT. Tools to set up and/or service your equipment. If you need metric tools, you may have a hard time finding any when out in the deeper parts of the County, bring them. Antennas are a very important item as how else are you going to make the jump from Redfield to Fulton when the repeaters are all down? A portable dual band J Pole might be just the thing to get your signal out. Oh, don't forget pencils and paper.

We will be discussing this topic in the coming months and will schedule a show and tell session during the summer.

If anyone has their box already and would like to share a picture and description, please send them along to me.