

NORFOLK COUNTY RAYNET BRIEF EXERCISE ANGLIAN WHISPER 4X4 RED CROSS

Date: 4 May 2013      Time: 1000hrs-1600hrs local.

Authorised: by British Red Cross Society Norfolk (Simon Holmes) and Broadland District Council Norfolk

Primary Frequencies:    NORFOLK 144.650MHz                    SUFFOLK 144.625MHz

NORFOLK RAYNET Control will be at Norwich Red Cross HQ, Hellesdon under call-sign **MOHIJ** on **144.650MHz** and members are to remain on this Primary unless advised to QSY to another frequency either by a Controller, or the 4X4 Controller via a RAYNET Controller.

There will also be a talk through station operating, allowing NORFOLK Control to extend their coverage, hopefully as far as SUFFOLK Control. This will be linked to Norwich Red Cross on 433.725MHz, although this will depend on conditions on the day.

SUFFOLK RAYNET Control will be at Bury St Edmunds Red Cross HQ under call-sign **G1RFH** (Raynet Forest Heath) on **144.625MHz** and members are to remain on this Primary unless advised to QSY to another frequency either by a Controller, or the 4X4 Controller via a RAYNET Controller.

The task of Norfolk County RAYNET will be to provide communications on 144.650 to 4X4 which will also work in co-operation with MOHPJ Jim 4X4 Controller. RAYNET Stations can also QSP (relay) if required but LISTEN OUT before you transmit as there could be a 4x4 hand held station already working another 4x4, or Control, which you may not be able to hear, but which was authorised by Control..

Any RAYNET Member may take part from your home QTH or you can go mobile using your own vehicle but inform MOHPJ of type of vehicle you are using for the Exercise, and equipment details ie antenna, power output, and your location Also check in to your Control for instructions and close down with your Control before you leave the net, this applies to all stations taking part.

Jim MOHPJ 4X4 Controller will also be advising 4X4 Vehicles of Tasks and Locations required.

This type of Exercise has not been carried out before by Norfolk County RAYNET so it will be a learning exercise as we go along. But, provided Controllers and Outstations work together it should all work out, the only problem we may get is doubling at times. There will be no official RAYNET Message Handling Forms (unless you wish to use them) just write the message down on paper with a pencil and read back message to confirm receipt.

Unless you are controlling, would you all check in to the Net (Controller) and also inform the Net when you are closing down. Please LISTEN OUT and only call in if you think you can provide help in communications, or you are called by Control for a Radio Check. In most cases a 4X4 Vehicle will have priority on the air to Control, although you may be asked to relay from a mobile with whom only you have communication.

Would All Members and 4X4 Operators check in on a Welfare check to Controls every 15mins if you have not transmitted for some time.

If the Net is quiet then there would be no harm in having a Radio Check with stations on net.

There may be some minor changes between now and the 4<sup>th</sup> May, but changes (if any) will be advised on the Monday 2100hrs Net on 144.650MHz, this WEBSITE, or on the day by Controllers.

Treat this exercise as real as it could happen at any time, and don't forget if you get a real incident inform Control straight away (Break In) and Quote **NODUFF**, this means it is real and must be acted upon at once (no delay), also make sure you give your QTH correctly.

Don't forget to take your RAYNET ID and a copy of the Official Call Out List which can be downloaded from this website, see Members Area, Call Out Information.

Have a good day (Have fun, but not over the air).

Rgds TerryO G4PSH, Coastal DepCon and Advisor