

Questions, answers and announcements from the 10/06/21 Coordinator mtg

Significant modifications since the original posting are in red.

More user instructions for the Midland Radios are needed, especially videos

Unofficial interim answer: The 2 You-Tube URLs below provide very useful videos.

[\(395\) How to Set Up Your Midland Walkies - YouTube](#)

The entire manual (15 min) on video.

[\(395\) Midland GXT1000 series radio - video manual - YouTube](#)

Added comment: For most users and most purposes it is best to keep the settings locked as the radio was delivered.

Keep in mind the following specifics about the radio networks for Neighborhood and Floor Coordinators:

- Power setting is “LOW” (L)
- Radios may be delivered programmed for either CTCSS or DCS privacy codes
- “Roger Beep” is ON
- Your radio was delivered with the channel and privacy code pre-programmed. If you experiment with the radio, return it to the original settings.

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There is confusion about the suggested list of supplies for coordinator Safety Vests.

1. NOBODY IS EXPECTED OR REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FIRST AID, OR TO BE EQUIPPED TO DO SO. A list of items was supplied for those who might wish equip themselves. We hope to offer training to those interested when normality returns.

2. Coordinators need to function under all conditions (weather, season, etc.). The non-medical items suggested are fundamental to basic emergency preparation.

Dan Curtis response to meeting discussion (lightly edited):

“RPG” on the myrvm user activity has been changed to “Resident Preparedness Group”

Get Ken to video tape his radio introduction presentation.
Find existing midland gxt radio tutorials on you tube. **See above.**

Figure out Great ShakeOut interaction between RVM and RPG (and if we interact with JC-ARES at the same time)

Dan needs to give the rest of the AB/Cs the initial AB/C training and get it taped.

Encourage AB/Cs to have social communications. Find out which areas you can reach.

Encourage AB/Cs to have social communications with their NF/Cs to maintain proficiency.

Bob Berger response (also lightly edited)

I think we need to standardize any communications to ACs and BCs:

- *complete ccs to ensure we have the same info/attachments
- *provide any draft document with a unique ID (date?); author/email; and include as header or footer and pagination for each page

"keeping it simple" was a frequent theme

*keeping acronyms to a reduced number and in a consistent manner (we'll have to come to some agreement among ourselves)

*radio operation on locked channels should be the preferred setting for all coordinators especially FCs and NCs. (Thanks Bob for providing the videos - it should allay some fears of operating the radios. Dan should you or Ken take a look to ensure that the videos are consistent with RPG training?)

*not giving ACs/BCs and the other coordinators too many other duties than 2-way communication. While I generally agree I think it is overly-naive to think that even simple emergency incidents e.g. fires will not require more actions than simply verifying resident presence and readiness. Assisting RVM staff in loading residents and go bags for transportation to the towers or possible evacuation are very real possibilities. Earthquake response with associated medical injuries and structural damage further confounds coordinator roles. I think we need to come up with a draft document presenting our recommendations and get it out to the ACs and BCs as quickly as possible for review and comment.

Another frequent observation was that the coordinator group on the call has shown a lot of initiative - their successful efforts should be described and distributed to all the coordinators (like Saul did) to encourage similar efforts and possibly to reduce the hesitation of some FCs and NCs to gather such info.