



Oxford County ARES/CERT Comm

Meeting Agenda

October 5, 2026
7:00 p.m. local (19:00)



I. Call to Order and Introductions:

II. Notes from EMA Director:

- A. Awaiting award letter to purchase Kenwood radios (region net) for the Communications trailer

III. Notes from State EC:

- A. SET last weekend in October 24th 8:00 to 12 noon
 - 1. See handout/attached

IV. Old Business:

- A. Work Day at trailer & EMA
 - 1. **Mounting** the hamfest TV in the trailer that will serve as a large monitor and could double as on over the air TV if necessary.
 - 2. Programming the DMR radio for the upcoming SET
- B. Communications Trailer moving to Oxford Airport county owned building.
- C. West Paris Hamfest March 13, 2027
 - a. tables - no cost, Food – sales to benefit VFW, upstairs available (for testing?)
 - b. admission price – did we set it at \$10?
 - i. raffle tickets & door prize(s)
 - c. testing for Technician, General, Extra licenses?
 - d. Need members to work: the door, any raffles, & parking
- D. Technician Class
 - 1. Next class and test are in Mexico Maine at Med-Care

V. New Business:

- A. Update Objectives for the 2026 SET (old listed in Appendix 1)
- B. Mexico Med-care radio installation
 - 1. Radio and power supply are in the building
 - 2. Antenna structure?
- C. Utilize fire station and hospital radio(s) as a VARAC network.
 - 1. **Feasibility study**, which will require -
 - 2. List of sites/locations.
 - a. Coverage maps for each site/location.
 - b. Cost breakdown to include computers, interface cables, Digirigs/Signalinks for each site and VARA licensing (if we want/need the increased transfer speed).
- D. General License Class – Check on people interested
 - 1. Start in January after the holidays

VI. Other: *(Items not on the agenda brought by members to the meeting for discussion, demonstration, etc)*

VII. Adjourn:

Appendix 1:

Old Objectives

N. Oxford County (ODEMA - W1OCA)

Ability of the group to:

1. Confirm communications from the EMA to the Comm Trailer on VHF simplex.
2. Confirm communications from the EMA to the Comm Trailer on HF AND which band works the best. Investigate 1.935 MHz for county wide
3. Confirm communications from the EMA to MEMA.
4. Confirm communications from the Comm Trailer to MEMA.
5. Confirm communications from the EMA to our State EC.
6. Confirm communications from the Comm Trailer to our State EC.
7. Identify locations in our county that the EMA and the Communications Trailer (when based in South Paris) can establish communications.

NEW OBJECTIVES (suggested: to be **modified**, **deleted**, or **added** to during the meeting)

1. Contact Net Control on MECN on frequencies near 3940 and 7262 kHz.
2. Conduct Oxford ARES/CERTnet (on the half hour) with mobile and ISS stations (Hams)
3. Transmit ICS-213 Msg Message form from EMA to MEMA using Winlink/FIDigi
4. Relay simulated requests for support to MEMA and/or adjacent county EOCs
5. **Activate**/Participate in a DMR test net on a local repeater at **9:15-9:25 am**
6. **Activate**/Participate in a Fusion test net on a local repeater at **9:45-9:55 am**
7. **Activate**/Participate in a DStar test net on a local repeater at **10:15-10:25am**
8. **Activate**/Participate in a GMRS test net on a local repeater at **10:45-10:55 am**