

## **Practical Exercise: Role-playing 2**

### **Purpose:**

In this next role-playing exercise, participants will practice operating in a group with a leader.

**Time:** 45 minutes

### **Instructions:**

Follow these directions:

1. Bring a group of five volunteers to the front of the class.
2. Assign a sixth volunteer the role of Net Control Operator. Request that this role be played by an experienced amateur radio operator (if you have one in the class).
3. In the initial five volunteers, assign one the role of IC/CERT Leader.
4. Describe the sample scenario to the participants (details are given below).
5. Instruct the volunteers to play out a scenario. The Command unit should ask the Willow Park CERT Leader for a status check on his team. The Leader should call for a status check on each team member. As much as possible, volunteers should attempt to communicate using tactical call signs, net operations protocol, and other proper radio use techniques.

### **Scenario – Injured Animal Encounter**

The CERT is conducting damage assessment in the Willow Park area. Team 1 has not found anything worth noting. Nearby, team 2 was approaching a footbridge and discovered that high waters had damaged the structure of the bridge. Team 3 is checking for civilians in the picnic area and has found a leftover picnic basket but no people. Team 4 has just spotted an injured dog that is limping but does not appear to be acting threatening towards the volunteers.

### **Debrief:**

At the end of the scenario, ask the class to critique the scenario by identifying what worked and what could have been done better. Give the volunteers a round of applause before continuing the exercise.

### **Continuing the Exercise:**

Follow these instructions to continue the exercise.

1. Bring up a new group of volunteers.
2. Ask the other participants in the class to shout out ideas for a scenario that would involve some basic communication.
3. Write the ideas on an easel pad.
4. Once a single scenario has been fleshed out significantly to create a communications situation, instruct the role-players to act it out.

Repeat this exercise until all participants have had an opportunity to act as role-

players.