

Death Ride Communications Plan, 2019



Death Ride frequencies:

Primary: 147.330 (+) PL123.0

Secondary: 146.655 (-) PL131.8

Backup: 146.550 Simplex – (requires relays from most locations)

Net Control Station “Turtle Rock Park”

All communication will be passed through Net Control (NCS)

Contacting Turtle Rock with your traffic: Call NCS and wait for an acknowledgement BEFORE passing your traffic.

When acknowledged by NCS, pass your traffic and if including details, PLEASE speak slow and clear.

If you have emergency traffic, Please announce such with your initial call for contact as in:

“Turtle Rock, this is Woodfords with emergency priority traffic”



**Tactical Call sign will be TURTLE ROCK
with FCC Call sign of K6SLT**

- **Alpine County Sheriff Dispatch** will be manned by amateur radio operators to allow monitoring and possible direct communication with ACSO. Contact with ACSO Dispatch will be through Turtle Rock **UNLESS** ACSO Dispatch requests Direct Station to Station contact.



- ***The Amateur Radio station at ACSO Dispatch will assume Net Control Duties with a loss of Turtle Rock Park operations.***

Radio Communicator Duties



- **Please be sure your location setup is safe for Radio Operations**
- Watch out for tree branches, pot holes, any equipment wiring that is exposed to general public walking by (coaxes' to separate antennas etc)
- Please take the time to introduce yourself to the Site Captain so they will recognize you as their "Communication Link"!
- Please "LISTEN" to all traffic as emergencies can build and require operators NOT involved to stay off the air until the issue is resolved..
- **Site Times to secure are approximate, PLEASE be prepared to stay later.**
- Many times the site will be secured and empty EXCEPT for our radio support. Due to circumstances regarding rider's safety, it may be necessary to stand-by until the course has been cleared of all riders at your location. **Please Don't leave your position until secured by the NCS.**
- **Please consider "logging" your radio traffic using a form similar to the ICS309. This is an excellent means to review previous operations in case of missing riders, emergency incidents or confirmation of radio traffic.**

Please note the following

- Our duties do NOT include administering any physical support to the riders.
- Decisions in the California courts have held person or persons "treating" or aiding injured / ill persons legally responsible for their actions, and the results of their actions. TARA does not cover operators on this event for this eventuality.
- As an example, dispensing Aspirin is considered "treating" a person. If that person has a reaction, you can be held responsible for "treating" that person.
- Unless directed to do so by the Ride Director, via NCS, do not transport supplies away from your site.
- **DO NOT transport any injured riders.**
- **EVERY ILLNESS AND INJURY REPORT MUST BE EVALUATED BY EMS PERSONEL...**
 - Transport for subjects will be determined by EMS personnel and verified through Alpine Dispatch.

Emergency and Staffing Resources

Safety Officer:

- There will be one vehicle on the route all day. This is the Safety Officer and he is a licensed ham. Call sign is KF7JVE. Tactical call sign is "Corey".
- Ambulances will be located on the course at various locations.
- Care Flight will be available.
- Sheriff's deputies will be available.
- **None of these fall under our command/control. Their deployment and movements are dictated by Alpine County Dispatch or their internal command structure.**

Road closures



- Markleeville Court House to 89 from 0500-1500
- Hwy 89 from Topaz to Hwy.89 from 0500 to 1200.
- Hwy 4 to Hermit Valley from 0500 to 1500.
- **CHP and CalTrans dictate NO vehicular traffic allowed past the closure points after 0500. That applies to all vehicles. NO ONE BUT CYCLISTS on the road after 0500. You must be at your site and off the road by 0500**

Food, water and Survival!



Please bring your own "Supplies" including:

- Food
- Water
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent
- And any medications or other necessities (comforts like chairs, sun shades, lemonade) you may require.

This communication event provides an excellent opportunity to test your "In the Field" radio abilities (technical and traffic handling) along with providing for your physical health and comfort.

Last year the FAMOUS CHICKEN MAN visited many of you on the course !!



The Chicken Man is a DR experience only the Radio Operators can REALLY APPRECIATE during the ride! We've now established he's a "Local Regular" on the ride who enjoys the big smiles his "Chicken Generosity" provides during the long day.

The question this year is:

Will he return?

Will you receive a second chicken award?

Maybe we should tag his bicycle with an APRS radio?

OR, maybe we should get him a license manual !!!!

73

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