

Death Ride Communications Plan, 2023



Death Ride frequencies:

Primary 1: 147.330 (+) PL 123.0 ***
Primary 2: 146.865 (-) PL 123.0 ***
Tertiary: 146.655 (-) PL 131.8
Backup: 146.550 Simplex – (requires relays from most locations)

**New this year is a “LINK” between the 33 and 865 repeaters.
It is NEW and unfortunetly I havn’t had time to dial it in.**

Actual communications on any particular repeater will be fine, but the monitoring between the two may not be good quality audio.

However, it will at least allow stations on the two repeaters to realize TRP is on the air with the “Other” repeater from their area.

Net Control Station “Turtle Rock Park” (TRP)

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 when 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 Legal FCC Call sign of K6SLT

- **Alpine County Sheriff Dispatch will be available this year.**
- TARA Radio operators will report their emergency traffic to TRP
- TRP will contact ACSO dispatch
- **There may be an amateur radio (no operator) in ASCO dispatch but details not yet available**

Radio Communicator Duties



- **Please be sure your location setup is safe for Radio Operations**
- Watch out for tree branches, pot holes, and 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 operators. 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.**

Reporting Course Incidents

When you receive a report of a rider issue, please ask for the following information:

- Is this a medical or mechanical incident, if medical, a sense of response time needed
- Location of incident and number of individuals involved
- Is there a BIB number
- Gender and approximate age
- Who reported the incident as in a rider, observer or rest stop staff

Evacuation Plans

Be familiar with the separate PDF with recommendations for emergency evacuation scenarios

- Become familiar with surrounding Rest stop locations
- Which rest stop locations have communication capabilities (ham or cell)
- Rest stops with personal manned the night before event

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 ACSO Dispatch.

Emergency and Staffing Resources

- 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 staged on the course at various locations.
- Care Flight will be available.
- Sheriff's deputies will be available.
- ***While SAG vehicles will be used this year, they WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL the particular highway they are on is open !!***
- Motorcycle SAGs – will be on course for minor repairs - some will be ham radio operators

- **** None of these fall under our command/control. Their deployment and movements are dictated by ACSO Dispatch, CHP, Medical and the Ride Coordinator.**

Road closures



- Markleeville Court House to junction of Hwy's 4 & 89 from **0500-0700**
- Hwy 89 from Topaz to Hwy's 4 & 89 from **0500 to 1200**.
- Hwy 4 to Lake Alpine from **0500 to 1600**.

- ***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!



TEMPERATURES WILL BE IN THE 90's !!!

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.
- Means for providing SHADE from the SUN!!

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