

August 30, 2019: SER Nets Status Report

VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVATED SMOKE CHECK

On the afternoon of August 30, 2019, a Station in the Village (Village Tango 2) called out on the VILLAGE alert Frequency asking if any other stations in the Village smelled smoke (wind out of the North).

Village Foxtrot 7 responded and requested other stations to report. Those responding included: Village Tango 3; Village India 1; Village Bravo 3; and Village Tango 1 (who is also a Licensed Ham - W6iO) . Additionally, Village Tango 1 went mobile to survey the area and reported via radio while mobile. Village Tango 1 also had heard K6PDS give a recent mobile radio report from the Millville Plains and 44 lookout (while heading East Bound on Highway 44). W6iO requested (using the Ham frequency 760) that K6PDS confirm that there was no visible smoke from the Village Area. K6PDS confirmed, while mobile, that no smoke or fire was visible. The Millville Plains / 44 lookout location has a great view of the Shingletown Ridge.

During this process, Village Foxtrot 7 relayed the situation to 911 and Cal Fire responded.

The origin of the smoke odor was not able to be located. It may have been caused by someone starting a barbeque using cedar and other wood materials. Unknown source / Unable to Locate.

To recap, the Village Neighborhood pro-actively responded to Suspect Smoke by:

1. securing reports from Neighborhood Stations throughout different locations in the Village;
2. relayed the situation to 911;
3. used Mobile Radio communications for gathering information, reporting and making Neighbors aware of the situation (who had their radios on);
4. combined use of the SER Neighborhood frequency plan with the SER Ham frequency plan to obtain a report from another station which was mobile, and over 14 miles away, to confirm that there was no smoke or fire visible in the Village Neighborhood Area from the lookout location; and
5. additionally, provided the benefit to multiple other stations in the Village Neighborhood who were listening as to a potential fire situation. They found the reporting informational, timely, and beneficial.

This is an illustration of neighbors working together and being proactive. That is what this is about.

GREAT JOB TO THE VILLAGE TEAM!