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To: COMO Kirkwood, DCOS McFarren, D11NR Board and Staff Members

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Subj: Staff Report – December 2018

Highlights

- ◇ Radios for ACV are in
- ◇ Repeater system needs work
- ◇ HF Contingency Nets continuing

Details

- ◆ The rest of the radios (2 VHF and 1 HF) have arrived along with parts and accessories. They need to be programmed and installed.
- ◆ The repeater system in the bay area is having serious issues. The Mt. Umunhum repeater has been taken out of service permanently, Mt. Vaca is not responding to commands, and the Mt. Diablo is dropping calls. Presently the access roads are likely impassable due to the wet weather. The Mt. Diablo repeater is 50+ years old and may have reached the end of its service life. Kevin Sellstrom will get to the repeaters as soon as he can.
- ◆ The HF Contingency training nets have been active and training is being conducted at each weekly net. Subjects are writing and passing formal message traffic, using RadioTeXT software, and being an effective relay.

Future Events

- ❖ PCA Fair training if there is a budget or continuing resolution
- ❖ No communications training is anticipated at the March Dtrain.

Respectfully Submitted,

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