

## **RED CROSS EXERCISE AT RADNOR HIGH**

**TOM K3YPO**, a Disaster Action Team leader for the Greater Main Line Branch of the American Red Cross, called upon several members of **MARC** to handle communications at a November 20 drill at Radnor Senior High School. In the scenario, there has been a nuclear incident at **TMI** requiring evacuation of half a million people. At Radnor, the student participants simulated a mass shelter for evacuees. Among our communicators were **ANDY N3AZW**, **SEAN N3EOG**, **JERRY KA3NKT**, **FRED KA3NKK**, **BOB WA3PZO**, and **NEIL WA3RPG**.

## **A SUCCESSFUL DISASTER**

**THE NATIONAL DISASTER MEDICAL SYSTEM** drill, November 16, was an immense success for Amateur Radio in the Philadelphia area. More than 150 Amateurs, using 18 repeaters and frequency bands from 3.5 to 450 MHz, brought off a complex, demanding communications network. Because so many **MARC** people gave up their Saturday in perfectly wretched weather to support this simulation, you should know that the benefits of your work will extend far into the future. For example, the Navy, medical professionals, and Emergency Management Agency officials were all highly impressed by our speed, accuracy, and efficiency. It never hurts to have friends in high places! Already several hospitals have offered to install permanent 2 meter antennas on their roofs, and **EMA** officials will be urging more hospitals to follow suit. Also, while the city of Philadelphia has never had much time for Amateur assistance, this drill has at least gotten Pretzelville to consider working with hams. In addition, the various county and club **ARES** groups really came into serious working contact, creating relationships that will continue.

**MARC** had workers in every box on the flow chart for the Philadelphia International Airport branch. of the drill, and we even staffed two hospitals in the Willow Grove Naval Air Station branch. We can take pride that **MARC** communicators went without complaint to locations far from home -- not every club can say that. We even received a letter from the Veterans Hospital complimenting the work done by **MIKE N3DGE** and **STEVE KA3NKM**.

The next **NDMS** drill, we hear, will make this one look like an intimate dinner for two. Problem is that the corps of public service "dependables" in the Philadelphia area is already stretched. These people, I should say **YOU** people, typically belong to several clubs, **ARES** groups, and **RACES** groups. You can't fill more than one slot at a time. Throughout the region, we must develop more public service workers and enhance the skills of the already-prepared. Let's **DO** it!

## **SHORT SKIP**

**"SHORTWAVE SOFTWARE"** is a free publication from Radio Netherlands that will clue you how to program your microcomputer for beam headings, worldwide sunrise/sunset hours, times and bands for specific propagation paths, logging, and like that. Write to Radio Netherlands, Attn: Jonathan Marks, Box 222, 1200 36 Hilversum, The Netherlands.

**FOR THOSE WHO** have tired of reading the phone book, get a scanner and tune it to 35.02 MHz. **SHORTWAVE GUIDE** says that's the frequency used by McDonald's restaurants' drive in windows. You can sit there all day listening to people order junk food. Or you can go contemplate your cat sleeping. I don't care.

**ANY AMATEUR** who lives in or has ties with New Jersey can have a packet of 500 attractive state **QSL** cards, at a \$3 charge for postage and handling. The design lets you insert your own call sign on the card. Make checks payable to the State of New Jersey, and send them to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, CN 820, Trenton, NJ 08625-0820.

**MURPHY** said that if anything can happen it will; **KC3LM** says if anything can't happen, it will anyway, and if anything should happen, it'll wait 'til it's too late to do any good.

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