Auxiliary Emergency Communications (AEC)

Training Course

Unit 11: Final Exercise Exam

Severe Storm/Flooding

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Severe Storm/Flooding Background

- Major power disruption across the region and neighboring states

    - Over 250,000 customers without power

- Cell phone coverage intermittent and overloaded

- Few landline based telephones are operating

- Minimal to no Internet

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Severe Storm/Flooding Background (Cont)

- No radio stations except a few "locals"

- Numerous shelters established by Red Cross

- Service stations unable to deliver gas (no Internet)

- State Public Safety network severely impacted

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Public Safety Infrastructure Impacted

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FEMA Declaration As Of Today

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Requested Support

- Direct data & voice communications between state EOC and regional/local EOCs

- Relay situational awareness information
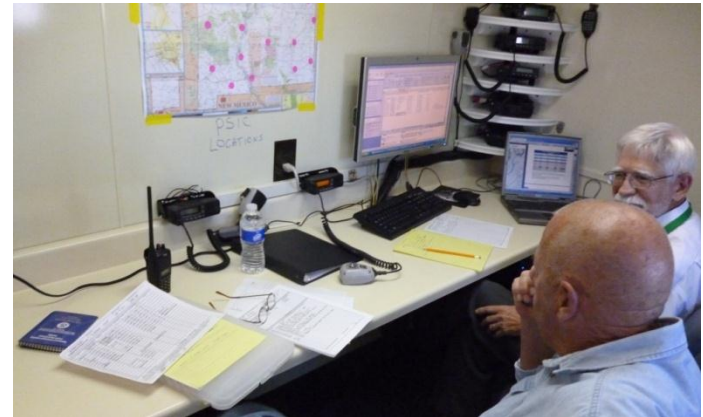
- Transfer resource requests

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Requested Support (Cont)

- Shadow critical personnel across the state to relay info to EOCs
  - DOT
  - Utilities
- Support local data & voice communications between EOCs and Red Cross shelters

AEC Recon Team

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Exercise Tasking

Using the ICS Form 217A already developed for your area, develop and ICS Organization chart and an ICS Form 205 to support the AEC response.
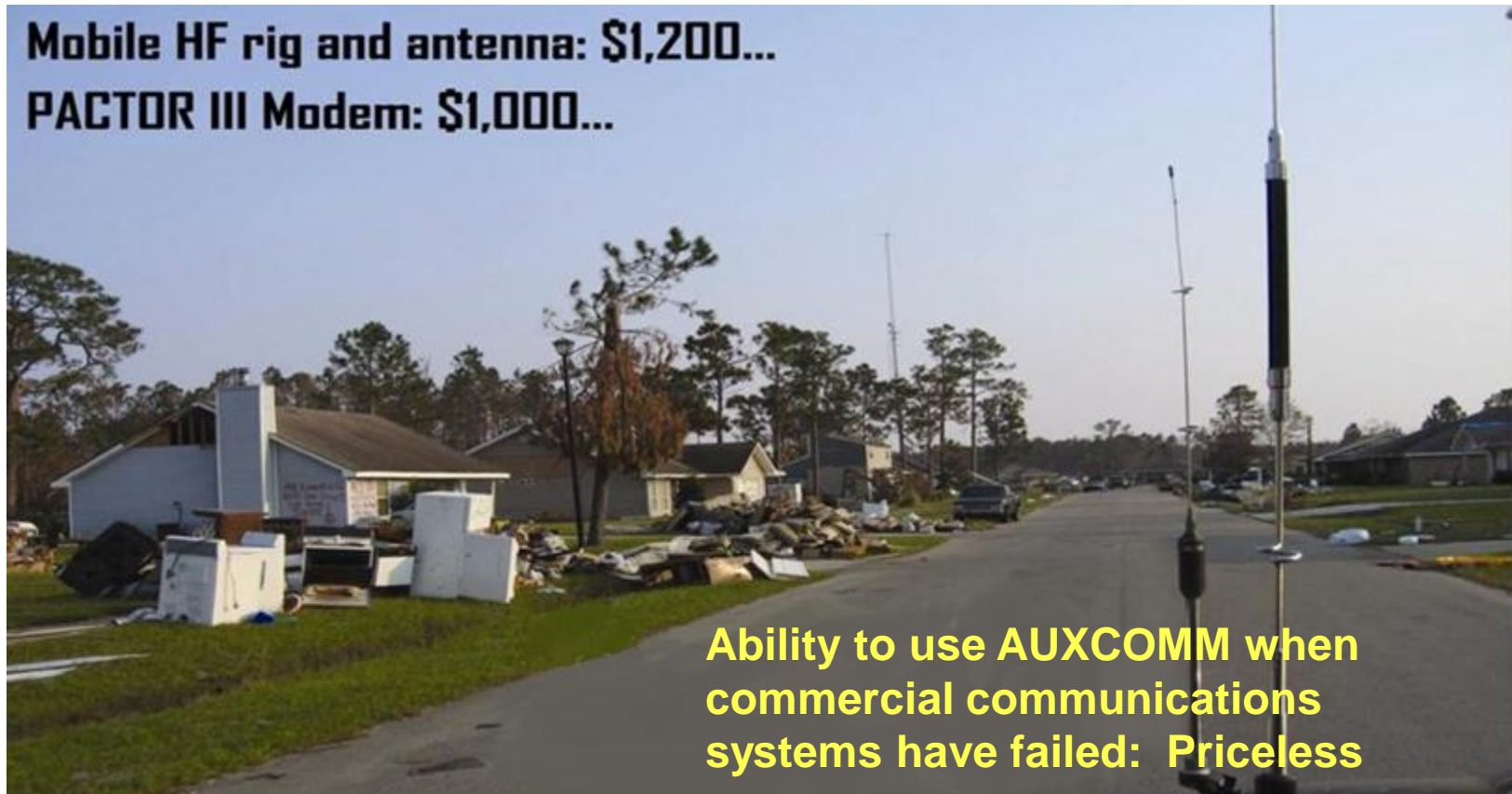

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Cost

Mobile HF rig and antenna: $1,200...
PACTOR III Modem: $1,000...

Ability to use AUXCOMM when commercial communications systems have failed: Priceless

Take A-ways

The Key To Success is Training:

- Train frequently

- Train as if it were a real event

- Train using Standing Operating Procedures

- Train by supporting local events:
    - Festivals
    - Sporting Events
    - EOC Exercises
- Always keep COMLs in the region in the loop when training

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Course Review

DISCUSSION

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REVIEW OF COURSE OBJECTIVES

Review of Course Objectives

Has the AEC course met the following course objectives:

- Identify the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the AEC and the AEC Manager

- Arrive at an all-hazards incident properly equipped, gather information to assess the assignment, and begin initial planning

- Plan, staff, manage, and demobilize the AEC Resources in a safe and effective manner

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