



Summit to Sound Communications Group Standard Operating Guidelines

SCOPE OF COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

To provide communications for STS during missions, trainings and events that involve Summit to Sound Search & Rescue members; to ensure their health and wellbeing in the wilderness, urban and rural areas or settings.

GROUP MEMBERSHIP

1. Must be a member, in good standing with STS.
 - a. Paying yearly dues.
 - b. Maintain WAC standards 118-04-120.
 - c. Maintain Core Competencies.
2. Must be current on base camp requirements.
3. Group members should attend 80% of the group trainings, unless on Leave of Absence as outlined by Summit to Sound Policies, (exception on case by case basis).
4. Must hold a current Amateur Radio License (AKA Ham License) or in process of acquiring one (prefer completion w/in 6 months of joining).
5. Required Readings
 - a. US Marine Corp Radio Operators Handbook
<http://hilltoparmyradios.com/usmc-radio-ops-hdbk.pdf>

GROUP LEADERSHIP

1. Group Leader will be elected each year by a majority vote of the group. Vote will be held by secret ballot.
2. These SOGs will be maintained by the Group Leader.
3. A majority of the group members will approve any changes to these SOGs.
4. Group Leader will maintain a mobile radio (go kit) for STS.

TRAINING/MEETING

1. Communication Group members will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1900 hours, before the regularly scheduled STS membership meeting.
2. Communications Group members are expected to attend STS meetings and trainings in addition to the Communications Specialty Group meetings and trainings.
3. Submit an annual training schedule to STS training officer in preparation for next year.

4. Field trained-survival, communications, land navigation, communication in core competency.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT LIST

1. STS 11 Essentials required
2. 24-hour pack required for field response (minimum of STS 11 essentials).
3. Clothing appropriate for the weather
All clothing must be wool, polypropylene or with similar properties NO COTTON.
4. Boots
5. Mobile radio capable of SAR frequencies
 - a. 155.160
 - b. 4 watts with recommended speaker mike
 - c. Minimum 25 watts and 3db antenna

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT LIST

1. Portable radio capable of SAR frequencies
 - a. 155.160
2. Spare battery
3. Radio harness or appropriate alternative
4. Radio go kit

DUTIES

1. Radio Operations
 - a. Base Camp
 - b. Relay Stations
2. Radio logs for events
3. Assist with base camp operations

SKILLS

1. Demonstrate proper radio communication skills
2. Demonstrate proper radio terminology
3. Demonstrate setting up a relay
4. Demonstrate proper use of a Yagi Antenna (Directional Antenna)
5. Inventories all STS radios: 9HT, 2 mobiles, 1CB and maintain.

SOGs Maintenance

1. SOGs will be reviewed once a year by the group.
2. Any communications member shall be able to recommend to the SOGs.
3. SOGs recommend changes shall be proposed in writing only.
4. SOGs can be approved by a majority of the group members in attendance.
5. SOG recommendations presented shall be read at one meeting and then voted on at the next regular meeting by the communicating group members present.