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Each monthly raffle ticket goes into Christmas raffle!



## Tidbits from the Towertalk Reflector

From: "Paul Ridley"  
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Several bits of wisdom from the inhabitants of the [Towertalk reflector](http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk). (see website @ <http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/towertalk>)

- Richards Rule: If you fix something long enough, eventually, you will break

it.

- Hoppman's Law: The more you leave it alone the better it works.
- Zimmerman's Law: If, while repairing something, it starts working again, and you don't know what you did, then you didn't repair it.

And, of course:

- Green's Rule: If it's not broken, you're not trying!



## (MGT - 318) Public Information in a WMD/Terrorism Incident Course

Taught by Instructors from: National Emergency Response & Rescue Training Center, Texas Engineering Extension Service

**COURSE HOSTED BY:**  
Eastern New Mexico University  
Roswell, NM, Oct 28-29, 2008  
(8am-5pm)

**COURSE GOALS:**  
This two day course is designed to provide an overview for individuals who are likely to interface with the media. The media represent one of the most critical target audiences with whom the PIO must communicate during a WMD/terrorism incident. Course topics include: JIC with the IC/UC system; differentiation between WMD incidents and other types of crises; difficulty in identifying a bio-terrorism event; identification of the federal agency responsible for determining and announcing whether or not a bio-terrorism

event has occurred; frequently asked media questions during a WMD/terrorism emergency; differentiation between various methods of communication with media and associated advantages/disadvantages of each method; phases of the crisis communication life cycle; development of effective crisis communication plan; and communication objectives/action steps taken during the planning/preparation, triggering event, early stages, duration, assessment/modification, and resolution phases of an event.

**PREREQUISITES:**  
FEMA Independent Study Courses IS700 (NIMS) & IS100.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**  
Members from the Emergency Management System to include but not limited to: Law Enforcement, Fire Service, Hazardous Material, Public Health, Public Works, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical System, Governments and Non-Governmental Organizations.



## Events Calendar



**Tues, Oct 28, 2008 7pm**  
**Belen Municipal Court-**  
**house, Belen NM**  
**VCARA Meeting**  
Monthly official meet.



**Wed, Oct 29, 2008 2pm**  
**Village Inn, Los Lunas NM**  
**Coffee Klatch**  
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

**Wed, Oct 29, 2008 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Wed, Nov 5, 2008 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Wed, Nov 12, 2008 2pm**  
**Village Inn, Los Lunas NM**  
**Coffee Klatch**  
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

**Wed, Nov 12, 2008 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Wed, Nov 19, 2008 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Wed, Nov 26, 2008 2pm**  
**Village Inn, Los Lunas NM**  
**Coffee Klatch**  
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

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**Events Calendar -  
continued**

**Wed, Nov 26, 2008 7:30pm**  
**ARES Net 146.700 mhz**  
Emergency Communications.

**Wed, Nov 26, 2008 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**KC5OUR Repeater & Net Operators**  
Every Wednesday at 8pm

*VHF repeater - 146.700 MHz*  
Negative 600 KHz, 100 Hz tone  
*UHF repeater - 442.700 MHz*  
Positive 5 MHz & 100 Hz tone

- Oct 15 – K5WMH Mark H.
- Oct 22 – NM5RC Ralph Clark
- Oct 29 – K5EMH Goose G.
- Nov 5 – N5PR Paul Ridley
- Nov 12 – KD5UJR Russell H.
- Nov 19 – KE5KFP Val L.

**If you can't run the NET when scheduled, please find someone to take your turn**

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***It is not the class of license that the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.***



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