



Dots ~N~ Dashes

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LOOK WHAT SANTA CLAUSE BROUGHT THE CLUB FOR CHRISTMAS

Now we can equip the second restroom so we can finally have a men's and a women's restroom. AND OUR FEMALE MEMBERS AND GUESTS CAN HAVE A CLEAN RESTROOM JUST FOR THEIR SOLE USE. The photo shows Santa provided the complete package including bolts, wax ring and new water supply hose.

Now we need three special volunteers:

1. Someone (or two) and with the knowledge and tools to install the new toilet.
2. Someone to switch the signs so the ladies get the new toilet. Probably need a putty knife and some double stick tape.
3. Someone (or two) to thoroughly clean the restrooms after the new toilet is installed.

Volunteers can just show up and go to work, i.e., no need to call



ahead or coordinate with anyone.

The club is generally opens on Saturday mornings at 9 AM.

VCARA NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

All club members and some others receive the VCARA monthly newsletter, Dots and Dashes in their email boxes every month, thanks to our wonderful newsletter editor, Elvira, KD5UJQ. As a reminder, the newsletter is also posted to the club website by the webmaster.

Is there a long time member of the club who wishes to take a trip down memory lane? Or, perhaps a newer member who would like to see what was happening in the

club before joining VCARA? Well, postings of the



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

RALPH CLARK NM5RC,	MARY ANN CORNETT NS7X,
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newsletter are at your fingertips, going all the way back to August 2008.

Just visit our website, <https://kc5our.com/wordpress/> and click on **VCARA Newsletters** in the sidebar.

*Charlie Lyon NM5CL
VCARA Treasurer & Webmaster*

FREE ONLINE TRAINING

A FEMA Student ID is needed for registration. Find your FEMA SID <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>. Each course is worth 0.4 CEUs.

AWR-324 Biological Incidents Awareness: COVID-19 (4 hours)

This course is designed to prepare participants to recognize a potential COVID-19 infection, to know how to protect themselves during response, and to identify outside factors, including information control and public messaging, which will require their attention. More information on this course can be found at <https://www.ncbrt.lsu.edu/course/s/covid19.php>.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 20
Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CST
Course ID: 27864
Access Code: NCBRT113
<https://train.ncbrt.lsu.edu/Student/Register?ClassID=27864>

Date: Thursday, Jan. 21

Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM CST
Course ID: 27865
Access Code: NCBRT113
<https://train.ncbrt.lsu.edu/Student/Register?ClassID=27865>

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 26
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST
Course ID: 27866
Access Code: NCBRT113
<https://train.ncbrt.lsu.edu/Student/Register?ClassID=27866>

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 27
Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CST
Course ID: 27867
Access Code: NCBRT113
<https://train.ncbrt.lsu.edu/Student/Register?ClassID=27867>

G 2300 Intermediate EOC Functions Virtual

January 25, (NOON to 4:30 and 26-28, (8:00am to 4:30pm) 2021
Class will be provided using Zoom

To register and for additional information go to PreparingNewMexico – G2300 January 25 to 28, 2021

Course Description
The E/L/G 2300 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions is a three-day course with the goal of assisting individuals and jurisdictions who desire to develop or improve their Emergency Operation Centers (EOC). By the end of the course, students will be able to demonstrate, through activities and a Final Exam, the managerial and operational roles of the modern-day EOC as a NIMS Command and Coordination

Events Calendar

**Thu, Jan 21, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Jan 23, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.



**Tues, Jan 26, 2021 7-8pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting
on-the-air 145.430 mhz**

**Wed, Jan 27, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Jan 28, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Jan 30, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Wed, Feb 3, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Feb 4, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

functional group operating within a Multiagency Coordination System (MACS).

Prerequisites:

IS0100, An Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100

IS2200, Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions
IS0700, An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
IS0800, National Response Framework, An Introduction

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CALENDAR – CONTINUED

**Sat, Feb 6, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
Builders Club meeting**
Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Wed, Feb 10, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Feb 11, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Feb 13, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
VE Testing by appointment**
Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Wed, Feb 17, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Feb 18, 2021 , 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Feb 20, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**MGT-418 Readiness: Training
Identification Preparedness**
Planning Feb 1 -4 2021 Time:
0800-1200 daily
Training Location: Virtually
Delivery (Zoom Platform)

This course teaches participants how to create effective training plans for their agencies and jurisdictions. By evaluating their abilities to meet their emergency operations plan (EOP) using traditional and national preparedness tools, participants can answer the following critical readiness questions:

How prepared do we need to be?
How prepared are we?
How do we prioritize efforts to close the difference?

How to Register: Click on the below link and follow the instructions. See class number and password below. Link to class: <https://train.ncbrt.lsu.edu/>
Class number: 27873
Password: RTIPP282
Respectfully,

*Felecia A. Schreier NMCEM
Training Coordinator
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Department of
Homeland Security and
Emergency
Management*

**MESSAGE FROM
THE EDITOR**

This edition much like the last few issues are an enfaces on online involvement. There are online classes, information available and other items of interest. But mainly, its also to inform you of upcoming on-the-air meetings.

The last 2 monthly on-the-air meetings have failed to receive the required quorum. Not just the officers, but the attendance is down. I realize the holidays may have had effect on attendance. But really! You no longer have to drive out in the late evening to attend a meeting. That should be a plus.

So come on and everyone join in and be heard at the monthly meeting.

*Elvira Hunt KD5UJQ
VCARA Newsletter Editor*

SK Announcement

Dr. Donald Cox, K6QZL, brother of fellow VCARA club member Earl Cox, KB5UEW, became Silent Key on 12/23/2020. More information at <https://www.qrz.com/lookup>.

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

VHF repeater - 145.430 MHz
Negative 600 KHz, 100 Hz tone
UHF repeater - 442.700 MHz
Positive 5 MHz & 100 Hz tone

Jan 20 – Earl, KB5UEW
Jan 27 – Russ, KD5UJR
Feb 03 – Ralph, NM5RC
Feb 10 – Greg, KG5OCW
Feb 17 – Al, W5ACW
Feb 24 – Gene, KI5BZI
Mar 03 -Elvira, KD5UJQ
Mar 10 – John, K8JWS
Mar 17 – Earl, KB5UEW

If you can't run the NET when
scheduled, please find a sub.

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but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.*

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Happy New Year!
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