

## Wildflower Triathlon Communications

**Assignment:** Chase 3 (Lead Female Rider)

**Purpose:** Provide emergency communications  
Report the position of key race contestants  
Provide logistical support  
Provide ATV video coverage of the event

**Time to be In Position:** 0820 hrs (Saturday); 0850 hrs (Sunday)

**Primary frequency:** 146.730 - PL: 100.0 (Primary Repeater)

**Secondary:** 147.390 S PL: 127.3

**Tactical:** 446.025 S PL: 127.3 (Direct communications with other Chase/Rover vehicles)

### YOUR TASK:

Stage just outside the Main Gate. Follow the lead female cyclist and provide position information to Control. Inform Control of lead changes and any other significant information (course problems, traffic hazards, etc.). Follow the lead female cyclist until she turns onto Lynch Road and heads down the hill towards Start-Finish. Report to Control as you exit the road and proceed towards the Visitors Center. Do not follow the bicyclists all the way to Start-Finish!

Upon completion of your Chase duties, you are free to roam the run course to provide live video feeds of the participants.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS:

When you call communications, please use your tactical callsign (Chase 3). You will still need to identify with your proper callsign at the appropriate intervals. The race Control should be addressed as "Control."

If you call for Control and do not get an immediate reply wait one minute. We are operating on two ham channels, handling ambulance dispatch, and monitoring race channel. Also when you call for another unit please direct your traffic through Control.

If you have emergency traffic, call for Control followed by your tactical call and the words "EMERGENCY TRAFFIC."

ex. "Control, Chase 3 Emergency traffic"

Control will announce emergency traffic on channel and direct all units to hold traffic until the emergency is cleared. Only call for Control if you have urgent or emergency traffic also.

If you see a contestant out of the race, note the contestant number and relay that information to Control.

If you come across an accident requiring medical attention, notify Control, and stay on scene until you are relieved by Fire/EMS or a Rover vehicle. Monitor your radio (handheld, since you'll be with the patients, not in your vehicle) carefully as you may need to provide further information for the medical crews. As soon as possible, advise Control the number of patients, and a rough description of the injuries. The communications would go something like this:

Chase 3: Control, Chase 3, Emergency Traffic.

Control: Chase 3, this is Control, go ahead.

Chase 3: Control, Chase 3, we have a bicycle accident at Marker 23, two riders involved, requesting an ambulance.

Control: Control copies, we will dispatch ambulance to Marker 23.

(at this point, you'll get out, and survey the damage.. turn on your hazard lights, and put your vehicle between the patients and oncoming traffic. Put on your latex gloves before you get out of your vehicle, just in case.)

Chase 3: Control, Chase 3, condition report.

Control: Chase 3, go ahead with condition report.

Chase 3: We have two patients, Rider number 243 with minor road rash, and Rider number 723 with a possible broken arm. Continue the ambulance.

Provide as much medical care as you can (within your level of training and ability), and make an attempt to determine which participants will need to be transported via ambulance. If you have other needs (CHP for traffic control, etc.) let Control know as soon as possible. If there is any doubt about the injuries, always error on the side of caution, and let the EMS professionals make the judgment. There's nothing worse than canceling an ambulance when it's really needed. It's no big deal to request an ambulance and have the paramedics determine the patient doesn't need transport.

### **Things to have in your vehicle:**

- Your complete information packet
- High power VHF and UHF radios (or dual-bander)
- VHF Radio, GPS & TNC for AVL
- VHF handheld in case you are out of the vehicle
- A passenger to use as a second set of eyes and to operate the radio
- Five gallons of water (to replenish aid stations if necessary)
- Drinking water for yourself, your passenger, and riders you pick up
- Pad of paper and pen or pencil
- First Aid Kit if possible (including latex gloves)
- Lunch and snacks

- Sunscreen