

Wildflower Triathlon Communications

Assignment: **Rover/Sag Vehicle 11**

Purpose: Provide emergency communications
 Provide transportation for disabled cyclists and runners
 Transport bicycles back to the Visitors Center
 Provide logistical support
 Other assignments as indicated by Control

Time to be In Position: Take Transition personnel to their post at 0730 hrs on Saturday, and again at 0800 hrs on Sunday 0930 hrs (Saturday); 1000 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 at the Visitors Center and be ready to deploy from there. On Saturday, you will transport the Transition personnel to their station at 0730 hrs. You will then be free until 0930 hrs at which time you will sweep the bicycle course to pick up bicyclists who are out of the race due to exhaustion or mechanical breakdowns. Additionally, you will provide support to the aid stations by taking water and other supplies to them should they run out. When on "patrol," be on the lookout for course problems, disabled riders/runners, and traffic hazards and report them to Control.

On Sunday, the job description is the same, but the Transition personnel will be taken to their position at 0800 hrs and the sweep will start at 1000 hrs.

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS:

When you call communications, please use your tactical callsign (Rover 11). 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, Rover 11 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:

Rover 11: Control, Rover 11, Emergency Traffic.

Control: Rover 11, this is Control, go ahead.

Rover 11: Control, Rover 11, 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.)

Rover 11: Control, Rover 11, condition report.

Control: Rover 11, go ahead with condition report.

Rover 11: 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 err 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. Transport bicycles of injured riders back to the Visitors Center.

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
- Bicycle carrier or room for at least two bicycles + passengers
- Two five-gallon bottles 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