



Wildflower 2006 Communications

Emergency Usage of CALCORD

CALCORD (the California On-Scene Coordination channel) will be used this year to facilitate inter-agency communications during emergency situations which may arise during the course of the triathlon festival. San Luis Ambulance Service, American Medical Response, the California Highway Patrol, Monterey County Park Rangers, CDF/SLO County Fire and CHP Air Operations/H-70 have all been made aware of operations on CALCORD at the Wildflower Triathlon festival, and have CALCORD capabilities on their radios. We will be operating a cross-band repeater, authorized by the California Office of Emergency Services, with which we will repeat all traffic from the UHF "Medical Net" channel to CALCORD, and vice versa.

Triathlon Dispatch ("Communications") will operate a base station with CALCORD capabilities. In the event that you must communicate with CHP, CDF/County Fire or ambulance, CALCORD is an option if you have equipment capable of operation on that channel. If you feel you need to contact a public safety unit on CALCORD, first request clearance to do so through Control.

CALCORD is a discrete VHF-Hi simplex frequency of 156.075 MHz, with no pl tone authorized. Please check the latest Band Plan (available from the W6BHZ Wildflower webpage) for the Medical Net frequency.

Should you operate on CALCORD, keep the following in mind:

- Your amateur callsign is not to be used on CALCORD. Use your tactical call prefaced with "Wildflower" (for example "Wildflower Chase 1") when communicating with other agencies.
- Communications between units of the same agency are strictly prohibited (no intra-agency use, inter-agency use only).
- Keep your communications brief and to the point, and don't use ten-codes or other amateur radio slang. Use plain English, and speak clearly and slowly.
- Your authorization to use CALCORD comes from the County of Monterey Parks Department, and the FCC callsign appropriate for use is KB82490.

Please remember that CALCORD is for emergency use only, and that our authorization to use CALCORD starts at 7:30am on the Saturday of the event and ends at 5:00pm on Sunday.