

2014 COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLE RALLY  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**IMPORTANT: Communications Exercise**

The 2014 Communications Vehicle Rally will include a live operational element designed to exercise everyone's ability to establish interoperable communications with radios operating in frequency bands aside from 800 MHz, using VHF, UHF, 700 MHz and 800 MHz interoperability channels as defined in NIFOG v1.4.

The primary communications channel for Rally Control will be VTAC13D. The Fairfax COML Team will plan and establish gateway links between VTAC13D and selected UTAC, 7TAC and 8TAC interoperability channels, along with Fairfax County COORD D5 trunked talkgroup on the 3C9 system. The Fairfax COML team will generate and publish a full ICS-205 prior to the event with specific frequency assignments.

The gates to the Fairfax County Police Driver Training facility will open @ 0530 for rally staff only. Rally staff will be at the gates directing personnel to their assigned locations.

**SCHEDULE:**

- 0530**            **Fairfax COML Team will establish and test gateways between VTAC13D and selected UTAC, 7TAC, 8TAC channels, and FX COORD D5. The selected UTAC, 7TAC and 8TAC channels should be consistent with those published previously in the ICS-205.**
- 0555            Security personnel take position at the entrance to the Driver Training Facility (communications between entry gates and Rally Control should take place on VTAC13D)
- 0600            Logistics resources arrive to finalize setup of tables, chairs, ice, food, etc. Logistics communications are assigned to FX COORD D6.
- 0600 – 0730**   **Rally gates open for rally participants. Participants and participant vehicles arrive at Fairfax County Police Driver Training Facility and are directed to parking locations. Drivers shall check in with the COML utilizing any of the linked interoperability channels provided in the ICS-205 for the event as they arrive at the track facility. Drivers shall advise COML what channel/frequency they are using to communicate. COML Will provide communication information and directions when they check in. Rally Command and COML should be advised of any communications difficulties encountered.**

**NOTE: Participant vehicles can proceed onto the track to staging; POVs are to park on the grass to the left or right of the entrance gate but are not allowed near the event unless the driver is handicapped. If**

they are dropping off food or supplies, they can proceed to the even and drop off the food or supplies, and then move vehicles back to the POV parking. POVs cannot stay parked at the event.

- 0745 Fairfax County Vehicle Rally officially starts and the webpage: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rally> goes live. If you have access to the Internet, you will see live streaming video of the rally as it unfolds. There will actually be two links on the web page. One link will take you to the ground based camera. The second link will take you to the helicopter feed. That second feed will only be active when the helicopter is airborne and streaming video. Currently, the helicopter's schedule is to fly over the track at 0900 and 1100. .
- 0800 Opening Remarks – Mr. Michael Newburn Fairfax County Radio Systems and Services Center Manager.
- 0800 Set up NCR radio cache static display to demonstrate the capabilities of the cache
- 0800 Fairfax County OEM has created a WEB EOC event! The incident name is: “**Comms Rally 6-20-2014**”
- 0800 Set up VIDEO / WiFi for viewing on various command vehicles - DIT
- 0830 Inter Device Demonstration – between iPhone/iPad/or Android device to trunked radio system – Procomm/TwistedPair.
- 0900 Fairfax One Demonstration of Video Downlink Capabilities / CBP Helo demonstration of Video Downlink W/Prince William
- 1015 Communications Exercise
- 1100 Fairfax One Demonstration of Video Downlink Capabilities
- 1100 Lunch begins
- 1100-1400 Open House/Networking
- 1400 Rally event closes. Participant vehicles are encouraged to remain in place and not begin teardown until 1330 at the earliest.

At 0900, non-participants and VIPs will be invited to enter the rally grounds. The following activities will be set up and personnel will be standing by to answer any/all questions about how each aspect of communications interoperability works. If there is a specific time that an event is scheduled, there will be a time next to the event. Otherwise, the event will be continuously available to observe and ask questions.

- Static displays of participant vehicles and equipment

- NCR radio cache demonstrating the capabilities of the cache
- Fairfax County OEM demonstrating how we are using WEB EOC for this event
- Fairfax County PIO demonstrating how we are using TWITTER accounts to support this event (tentative at this time)
- VIDEO / WiFi will be displayed on numerous command vehicle monitors. Video provided by camera mounted on one vehicle and controlled by Fairfax County DIT.
- Ongoing Inter Device Demonstration – between iPhone/iPad/or Android device to trunked radio system
- Fairfax One Demonstration of helicopter video downlink capabilities, viewable from numerous command vehicles, at 0900 and 1100, static display after 1100 flyby if schedule permits
- CBP Demonstration of helicopter video downlink capabilities, viewable from Prince William command vehicle, at 0930, static display after flyby if schedule permits