

SAR

Drill Information

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Feb 9, 2026

Drill Date: Mar 9, 2026

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Overview

- The 2026 SAR Drill will be vehicle based
 - When: Monday, March 9
 - Daylight-to-Twilight timeframe (sunset: 7:20 pm)
 - Start earlier than previous years
 - Meet at ~5:30
 - Deploy by ~6:30
 - Integrate late-arrivals into the drill
 - Where: Olathe
 - Command Center: Olathe SA Radio Room
 - Employ a simple scenario

Tonight's Agenda

➤ Do-it-Ourselves Training

- Group discussion on vehicle-based SAR procedures
 - Persons/vehicle
 - Team Structure (# of vehicles/team)
 - Frequency Plan
 - Integrating late arrivals
- Command-Center Setup
 - Radios & Antennas
 - Personnel
- Debriefing

Do-it-Ourselves Training

- Group discussion on vehicle-based SAR procedures
 - Persons/vehicle
 - Driver and 2 searchers -1 Behind driver
 - Who operates the radio—Front Passenger
 - Team Structure
 - # of vehicles/team---Single team of vehicles
 - # of vehicles needed to cover a square mile of city streets
 - Frequency Structure
 - Main net with up to 6 vehicles reporting on UHF
 - Talk-in on 145.29- 151.4 for late arrivals
 - APRS tracking via radio or APP
 - Integrating late arrivals

Command Center Discussion

- Command-Center -- SA, Olathe
 - This may be the first time the Radio Room is used as a CC
 - Radios & Antennas
 - 1 voice VHF/UHF radio; 1 APRS VHF/UHF radio
 - 3 multi-band antennas; duplexers and triplexer available
 - Do we bring in additional radios? Power supplies?
 - Personnel
 - IC, Net-Control op, Logger, Mapper/APRS Operator
 - Additional personal-Observers/Controllers
- After-drill Debriefing
 - Indoors in meeting room
 - Venison summer sausage

Additional Drill Discussion Points

- Mapping needs to support the drill
 - Search boundaries
 - Sectors
 - Do we survey members for their intent to participate?
 - Safety concerns
 - Other topics needing discussion
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