

SARATOGA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
--HALLOWEEN CAPER GUIDE--

YOUR MISSION:

YOUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO WATCH YOUR ASSIGNED LOCAL SCHOOL DURING YOUR SHIFT AND NOTIFY NET CONTROL OF EITHER CRIME IN PROGRESS, OR SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

YOU WILL NEED:

- ❑ *****CHARGED BATTERIES AND A RADIO SET TO THE REPEATER CHANNEL*****
- ❑ 2M HT with a spare battery, or a 2M mobile rig in your car (be sure to program the repeater freq.)
- ❑ A flashlight, the brighter the better – it may be completely dark in your location
- ❑ DSW badge if you have one
- ❑ A copy of your FCC license and a photo ID is a good idea.
- ❑ Warm clothing to suit your preferences and current weather conditions

RECOMMENDED:

- ❑ Saratoga Map – free at City Hall office (to find other schools in case we shuffle at the last minute)
- ❑ Paper and pen
- ❑ Earphone, and or speaker-microphone for your HT

FOR FUN:

- ❑ Scanning radio to listen to other public service agencies
- ❑ Snacks, drinks
- ❑ Cell phone

GUIDELINES:

- ❑ Be on your assigned post at your assigned time. Shifts are sundown (or 6PM) to 8 PM and 8 PM to 10 PM. If you need clarification contact net control. You are welcome to patrol the school on foot, or stay in your car.
- ❑ Operations are on the club repeater (146.655MHz, negative offset, PL 114.8Hz). **MONITOR THE REPEATER DURING YOUR SHIFT.** The net is casual but chit-chat is at a minimum. Net control will periodically poll each station, manage resources (i.e. staffing changes) and provide information to patrollers as needed.
- ❑ A Sheriff's Deputy may stop and visit you on the first shift. Don't panic; they will be expecting to see you at the school – they are very friendly and appreciative of the support.
- ❑ If you need to leave your post for a few minutes (restroom, etc), or if something happens and you need to go home, it's no problem – just be sure to let net control know.
- ❑ If you see the custodians it is recommended you let them know who you are and what you are doing. Most are very appreciative of the help (they typically dread Halloween due to the vandalism, etc.).
- ❑ If you are not sure if something is suspicious, then you can ask net control for advice. There is **NO HARM** in having a Deputy drive by your location to check a situation if you are unsure – it may prevent damage. Generally, groups of unsupervised teenage boys are cause for alert.

*****VERY IMPORTANT*****

YOUR MISSION IS TO OBSERVE AND REPORT -- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU EVER APPROACH VANDALS, OR SUSPICIOUS PERSONS TO PREVENT A CRIME. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU PURSUE SUSPECT(S) IN YOUR AUTOMOBILE.