

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 CHANNELS*****
- ❑ Your HT with a spare battery, or a mobile rig in your car (be sure to program the repeater freq.)
- ❑ Frequencies: 146.655 MHz, (-), 114.8 Hz; and 443.150 MHz (+), 100.0 Hz. These repeaters are linked.
- ❑ If you are unfamiliar with your radio, BRING THE MANUAL.
- ❑ 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
- ❑ Cell phone

FOR FUN:

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

GUIDELINES:

- ❑ Be on your assigned post at your assigned time. You are welcome to patrol the school on foot, or stay in your car.
- ❑ Communications are on the club repeaters. 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 as needed.
- ❑ A Sheriff's Deputy may stop and visit you on the first shift. Be sure to introduce yourself.
- ❑ 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 custodian(s) at the school I suggest you let them know who you are and what you are doing. Most are very appreciative of the help (they 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.