

## Post-Election 2024 Civil Unrest Reporting Exercise (White paper)

### Statement of Purpose:

Provide additional radio-specific guidance to participating radio operators for a standardized and organized effort to report civil unrest developments or riots, local/semi-local, post-election 2024, up to and possibly beyond, the January inauguration.

### Intent:

To use a real-world development as a practical exercise for standardizing reporting, source vetting, transmitting and relaying news, information, and intelligence (aka “traffic”) collected by AmRRON radio operators and; which consists of eye-witness accounts or vetted local source accounts and detailed information which have a low probability of being reported by major news entities, and; delivering said traffic across the AmRRON network to Forward Observer via radio for analysis, and; for the purpose of generating aggregated reports, summaries, or other intelligence products, and; to be widely disseminated back out over the radio network as a news source to radio operators and intercepting stations.

### General Guidance:

Individual radio operators will report on developing and/or ongoing civil unrest activities in their local areas, or nearby areas, for which they will use standardized SITREP (Situation Report) and SPOT report forms. See ‘Reporting Guidance’ section below.

Using the AmRRON network, stations will send Directed Traffic TO: ‘Forward Observer’. Tier 4, 5, and 6 stations will be watching for this directed traffic, and route it to designated stations who will ensure delivery to Forward Observer for processing and analysis.

Periodic aggregated reports will be made available for wide distribution per the FO NIB transmission schedule.

### Procedural Guidance:

AmRRON radio operators will monitor for activity related to civil unrest, riots, or other acts of politically-motivated violence in their local community, or; nearby communities where they have trusted, reliable sources who may be reporting information about.

### Reporting Standards:

- Personal eye witness by the reporting station, or;
- Police/Fire/EMS scanner traffic or social media announcements
- \*Local/semi-local patriot/prepper/MAG/ social media group which tracks local area developments, and which is not being widely reported (“viral”) on other social media.
- Local news which has a track record of accurate reporting, and is reporting developments not being tracked/reported on larger networks or wider media.

\* See 'Source Vetting' statement below

## Collection and Reporting Guidance:

### COLLECTION:

#### WHAT TO REPORT:

1. Commercial defensive or security preparations/measures, such as boarding up windows, putting up barriers. (SITREP)
2. Increased law enforcement and National Guard presence or preparations (mobilization, canceled leave, fencing, etc.). (SITREP)
3. Signs of unrest, protest, violence, etc. (SITREP)
4. Violent/hostile groups or individuals, especially those which appear to be organized, coordinated, or concentrated on a geographic area or targeting locations, businesses, or persons. (SPOTREP)

- Who, What, When, Where, How/How Many (scale, methods, or tactics)
- SITREP vs. SPOTREP
  - Use Version 5.0 AmRRON Custom Forms for most all reports.
  - SITREP: Used when a narrative is necessary to explain details, provide context, or provide a better understanding of a sequence of events or explanation of a situation.
  - SPOTREP (SALUTE Report): Used for reporting enemy, criminal group, or other hostile personnel or group. SALUTE – SPOT Report will include:
    - **Size** (individual, squad, platoon, or “ten guys” or “mob of several hundred”);
    - **Activity** (Blocking traffic, erecting barriers, removing barriers, shooting fireworks at police, randomly attacking or targeting specific person(s);
    - **Location** (specific address, mile marker, intersection, east end of xxxx bridge, westbound on Interstate XX, etc.); **Unit** (if identifiable as a distinct group, unit, or organization)
    - **Time** (Date/Time of event or duration, when did this occur? Is it still occurring? How long ago did this occur?);
    - **Equipment** (battering rams, small arms – rifles/pistols, molotov cocktails, explosives, bulldozer, drones, stolen dump truck, barricades, handheld lasers, etc.)
    - **Narrative:** Narrative section is provided for additional necessary details. The SPOTREP is designed to report the presence of hostile forces. If there is a significant developing situation associated with the hostile force being reported, then consider ALSO completing a SITREP to more adequately explain activities or an event.

### **BREVITY and NECESSARY:**

As you fill out the narrative portions of your reports, check for brevity. Remember, these will be sent over radio. Each character and space takes time to transmit. Be as brief as possible without compromising the context or value of the content.

This is not a creative writing class. It is fact-based reporting.

Example:

“I was walking down the street, coming up on the corner of Walnut and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and I saw two creepy looking guys with masks doing something suspicious. I didn’t know if I should approach them to get a better look. I was armed so I wasn’t too worried. As I got closer I could see one of them lighting a molotov cocktail and they threw it at a cop car parked across the street, and then they took off and ran. I decided not to go after them, but I did call the police.”

**Corrected Example:**

“At 22:30 local, two masked males spotted at NW corner of Walnut and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lit and threw molotov cocktail at police car parked westbound Walnut near intersection. Suspects fled on foot, North on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Called 911.”

### **REPORTING:**

- After completely and accurately filling out the form, double check for brevity and accuracy.
- Save the form as a .k2s file, and properly name the file (see File Naming Protocol in your SOI, **Section 7.1 - Page 74**).
- If you are an HF digital mode station (Tier 3 or higher), then call “CQ AmRRON DE <yourcall>, with traffic for Forward Observer. State the number of pieces of traffic, and the precedence level.
  - You “should” have NCS or Tier 5 stations that you normally interact with during nets and other radio activity. If possible, you can target your traffic to them. vARIM works exceptionally well for delivering traffic to your NCS, and does not require him to be at his station to receive it. Most NCSs run Persistent Presence.
- If you are NOT a HF digital mode station, then you can send to an HF station using VHF digital modes, or by courier, and request that he relay your traffic to Forward Observer via AmRRON.
- If you do not have a regular HF station that you interact with on the air, you can call out over the Persistent Presence Net stating you have directed traffic for Forward Observer, and there will nearly always be a station on the air to reply to you, who can relay the traffic on to a Tier 4 or higher station.
- Be patient! Most operators don’t sit staring at their radios waiting for a message to come in. many stations are unattended and checked periodically throughout the day. You may get an immediate response, or a response an hour, or several hours later. Keep working at it until you get the traffic passed.
- All reported traffic should be conducted in accordance with the Persistent Presence Net Schedule.

#### SAMPLE REPORTING SESSION:

“CQ CQ CQ AmRRON DE <your call> 1 PPP Tfc. SITREP, for Forward Observer. PSE K”

Here, you are announcing to anyone who can copy you on the AmRRON net that you have one piece of Priority traffic, specifically a SITREP, to be delivered to Forward Observer.

- An NCS or Coordinating Station (Tier 5 or Tier 6) should respond and take your traffic.
- If no response, a station with regular connection with a NCS or Coordinating station may offer to take your traffic and relay it for you.
- If no response at all, attempt again periodically (15 or 30 minute intervals) until someone responds.
- If no response still, you may opt to attempt to relay your traffic during an upcoming scheduled net. There, the NCS should be able to help you coordinate getting your traffic passed up the chain, where it will be routed to an AmRRON SIGCEN (Eastern, Western, or National) which will then route it to Forward Observer for processing and analysis.

#### SOURCE VETTING:

State your source! If you are not a personal eye witness to something being reported, then the report must come from someone else who was an eye witness. This can include a police scanner intercept, a local news report, or someone on a local patriot/prepper social media site reporting an eye witness account. Ask them for their source, if possible.

Don't report rumors. Although the same rumor being repeated in multiple places could be an indicator of a development or reportable event (“Chatter”), it is only a rumor until verified. Chatter might be something that warrants further investigation. But it is not “reportable” for the purposes of this exercise.

**Rating your source:** If you did not personally witness something being reported, then you must include a rating for your source if it is a person.

Refer to Section 10.3 (Page 118) in your SOI