

A More Expedient Method for Getting ICP Briefings to Spike Camps

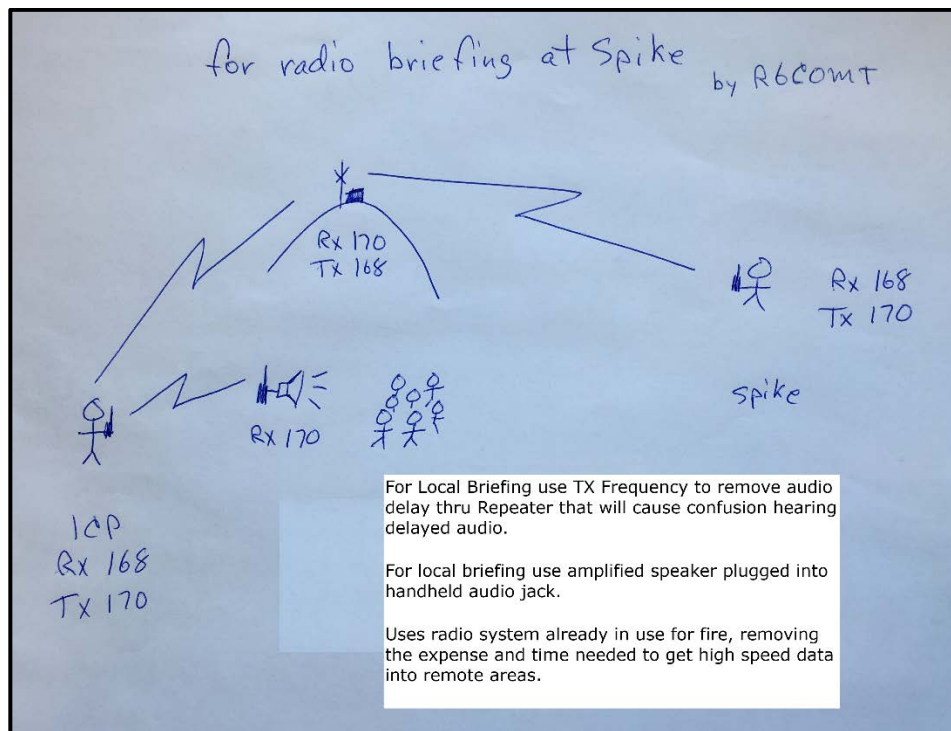
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This is an idea and suggestion that can help get information to Spike Camps more expediently.

In the past, Incident Management Teams would do their ICP briefing then go do another briefing over the radio to Spike Camps. This procedure has several drawbacks, including the fact that Spike Camp resources are delayed getting out to field.

How to Do It

Local briefing speakers that can be used for this are just amplified speakers plugged into a handheld audio jack. If no amplified speakers are available, program a few handhelds to receive the ICP briefing presenter's transmit frequency directly.



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I have done this before. The challenges are getting people to hold the radio correctly and speak into microphone. Scratchy audio from repeaters can also be problematic. This can be solved by using a larger fixed-antenna plugged into the handheld.

By doing this, I have realized there are many successes:

- ❖ Spike Camps get the same briefing as the resources at ICP.
- ❖ Spike Camp resources get out to the field faster.
- ❖ Without having to duplicate the briefing, the IMT can focus and redirect on other needs.
- ❖ This system uses a radio system that is already in place. There is no need for the time and expense of getting high-speed data into remote areas.
- ❖ This can also reduce the size of the briefing crowd because people don't have to be physically close to hear the briefing information.

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