

It was a normal Thursday morning in May when the call came at 9:12 am for M.A.R.E.T. members to respond to an explosion at the Water treatment facility in Flint, for the countywide disaster drill. M.A.R.E.T. members responded to the scene, staging, City 911, and the EOC.

M.A.R.E.T. members were able to provide an ATV (amateur radio television) feed to the emergency management team at the EOC allowing them see what was happening at the scene. While M.A.R.E.T. members, relayed messages from the Incident Commander, City 911, and the Staging officer (a M.A.R.E.T. member) to the emergency management team. When the emergency management team had a question they were able to turn to M.A.R.E.T. for the answer to questions including how many victims were transported to each hospital and how many victims had been decontaminated.

M.A.R.E.T. members were on location from the time the call went out until the scene was secure. While this was a drill, M.A.R.E.T. members respond as if this was a true emergency providing reliable, prompt, and professional communications.