

Subject: Final Report: Great Carnation Festival 2018 Grand Parade Communications Project

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The Alliance Amateur Radio Club provided Communications for the 2018 Greater Carnation Festival Grand Parade on Saturday August 11, 2018 in Alliance, Ohio. The club's project received two (2) blessings, the club's Two (2) Meter Repeater W8LKY worked flawlessly and the weather was magnificent

The logistics for the event include a parade route of 2.1 miles long, which included using a part of State Route 183 and US Route 62. AARC positioned Ten (10) radio operators in such a manner in which the entire parade route was visible at all times. Incidents along the parade route could be relayed to W8LKY net control and passed on to a representative of the Grand Parade Committee. A Tactical Call Sign System was created for the duration of the event, "Carnation Control" acted as net control for the event which was located at the beginning of the parade. The radio operators used various Tactical Call Signs such as "Carnation Six (6)" which designated the location of the radio operator and occasionally the operators would add their own call letters to their parade status reports. The parade itself, took approximately One and a Half Hours to reach the end of the parade route at Broadway and South Union Ave. where it dispersed on West Broadway. The project was completed by 1:30PM with the sign off of the radio operator at Union and Broadway Streets, which signified the last unit, had entered the dispersement area. The Alliance (Ohio) Police Department also monitored the activity of W8LKY's 2018 Grand Parade Communication Project.

The Operations: We started with a 9AM PR Parade briefing at Rockhill Elementary School. Each radio operator was given a packet containing a parade lineup and other project information. Each operator proceeds to their assigned locations and checked in at 9:30AM with "Carnation Control" the Tactical Control for the project. Each location operator reported the first unit's arrival and the last unit passing their assigned location and any incident that may have occurred during their time in the viewing area of their assigned location. After the last unit passed their location, they were dismissed.

The Ten(10) radio operators of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club who participated in this project included:

- Frank Sanor WA8WHP
- Loren Kleinhans KD8WVE
- Paul Richardson K2ASA
- Howard Miller JR. K8DXR
- Ron Rittenhouse KE8HCY

- Shawn Gentle KD8ZEZ
- Dwight Turner KD8YFV
- Dave Kleinhans KE8IYN
- Dave Moreno KE8JLP
- Mike Urban KE8CKL.

Frank Sanor WA8WHP served as “Carnation Control” or Net Control for W8LKY for the Greater Carnation Festival 2018 Grand Parade Communication Project. Ron Rittenhouse KE8HCY served as coordinator for the event.

Contacts for the 2018 Greater Carnation Festival included: The Grand Parade Chairperson Eric Brown and General Festival Chairperson Becky Bondoni Fernandez. Alliance (Ohio) Police: Officer Aaron Perkins K8AHP Member of AARC

Respectfully Submitted

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2018 Greater Carnation Festival Grand Parade Communication Project Chairperson