

# TOPANGA HAM REFRESHER CLASS OVERVIEW

## 0 - Radio Programming Tables - Get Your Radios Programmed on arrival

- Non-ham Plugs (Listen only)
- Licensed Ham Plugs (W6DRT PAPA, Simplex, misc Public Channels)

## 1 - Get to Know The Class Questions

- 1) How many of you DON'T have a ham license yet?
  - Norm has a class for you: <https://www.qualitymatrix.com/hamclass/>
- 2) How many DO have a ham license?
- 3) How many are here to be ready for PSPS Blackouts and Emergencies?
- 4) How many here as ham radio hobbyists?
  - Norm would love to talk to you
- 5) How many here for Any Other Reason?

## 2 - Getting Connected - Equipment PREP

- See "GETTING CONNECTED" Handout
- Finding your Repeater & Sister hamsters BEFORE D-Day
- Better antennas, stronger radios, different locations
- Simple battery backup: AA pack & more, chargers, etc.

## 3 - Ham Protocol PRACTICE

- Listen to PAPA4 to get a feel for it
- Practice with a hamster Buddy
  - try W6DRT, PAPA4, PAPA1, PAPA8
  - get a Simplex Buddy (nearby)
    - try Simplex-1 and Simplex-A; they have different advantages
- Practice on Sunday Night Topanga Net at 7:30pm
  - starts on PAPA4, and moves to Topanga Repeaters
- Practice on Wednesday Night Net at 7pm
  - on PAPA4 and all over the PAPA system

## 4 - PSPS Blackouts - 6 “What If” Ham Scenarios for Neighborhood Leaders

- See “PSPS BLACKOUT CHEAT SHEET”

## 5 - Outside Courtyard Ham Yakking Time

- at least 30 feet apart!
- practice Simplex and W6DRT with class partners