

PCARS Field Day 2025 –Safety Briefing

Note: ALL members participating in SetUp/Tear Down must read this briefing and acknowledge that they have read and understand the info. Please send an acknowledgement (with name and call) stating so to Safety Officer: Tony WA8AR tromito99@gmail.com, cell: 330-844-0140. This will take the place of an in person safety meeting on FD, but still making sure everyone knows and understands the info.

Setup/Teardown: The equipment the volunteers need to bring are **gloves and safety glasses (REQUIRED)**. Steel toe shoes are always a good idea. **Rain gear is essential (just in case)**. If shoes/boots are not waterproof an extra pair of dry shoes and socks are a good idea. The club will supply up to one dozen basic hardhats, but I encourage you to bring your own hardhat, if you own one. **Hardhats must be worn** whenever you are working in an area where there is any equipment (antenna components) or any hardware above your head. If you choose not to wear a hardhat, step aside! Remember, that even a medium size bolt falling from 25 or 30 feet can cause serious injuries (or worse).

In Case of Emergency: For Fire, serious injury or illness FIRST call 911. Our location is Freedom Township Park, SW intersection of Streeter Rd and SR 700. If minor injury call safety Officer at 330-844-0140 or via radio 146.550. First aid kits are stored at the 40m and Flex stations plus at the information table.

Safety Officer: 40 hour safety trained but not CPR certified.

Nearest Hospital: If you need immediate medical care the closest Emergency care is at UH Portage Medical Center, 6847 Chestnut St. Ravenna, 44266 (about a 15 min. drive from our FD site).

Fire Hazard/Smoking: Fuel for generators is stored near each station. NO SMOKING within 50 feet of fuel storage areas or Generators. Each station is equipped with fire extinguisher(s).

Grounding: All equipment must be grounded.

Trip Hazards/Antenna Support Lines: All antenna supports will be marked with flagging with Chem lights added at night. However, everyone needs to pay close attention to where they walk in order to avoid trip hazards.

Cold Water: There will be an adequate supply of cold bottled water available (free) in coolers located at the picnic shelter. Please stay hydrated and consume food to keep your electrolytes balanced.

Lightning: Due to the hot humid conditions lightning producing storms are possible. Safety officer will monitor real time lightning strikes in the site vicinity. An alert will be issued when lightning is within 5 miles of the site. If lightning approaches closer operators may be told to shut down.

Member/Volunteer Name _____ **Date** _____

Tony WA8AR, Safety Officer/ Field Day Chairman