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When you arrive at your assigned post, introduce yourself to any marshalls, EMTs, Police Officer(s), or other race officials and explain that you are there to pass any emergency messages for them back to the EMTs and Race officials. There is a scarcity of marshalls; you might be at a station without a marshall. Please assist with traffic (vehicle and pedestrian) control if there is no marshall at your position, keeping motorists, pedestrians, and other cyclists out of the way of the racers. You may be asked to stop traffic when necessary; please do so if, in your judgement, you can do so safely. If you have a stopwatch and are able to keep track of the time interval between a breakaway and following racers and respond when a racer shouts for a time check, the racers will appreciate it.

Tactical callsigns may be assigned for the fixed stations if it will help reduce confusion. Otherwise, we will just identify with our callsigns.

Please be prepared to relay for other stations if necessary. The W1OJ repeater covers most of the course well for HTs but there's always a chance of some failure (Murphy does know where we live). Note where your 'reverse' button is so you can listen on the input. Program your radios for simplex on the repeater output too.

Primary frequency: 448.625-, 88.5 PL
Backup frequency: 146.49 simplex

Race Schedule:

Men 3	0900	6 laps	Men Pro/1	1230	10 laps
Masters	0905	6 laps	Men 2	1235	8 laps
Junior men	0910	4 laps	Men 4	1240	4 laps
Women 3/4	0912	4 laps	Women Pro/1/2	1242	6 laps