ANTENNA DROP LOCATION – FIRE STATION 3 301 N. Rengstorff Ave at Montecito Ave.

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WHERE TO ENTER:

Photo FS3-1 shows the front of Fire Station 3 which is at the corner of Rengstorff and Montecito. There is a parking area to the rear of the building which can be accessed from Montecito as shown in FS3-2. It is the first driveway on the left from Rengstorff. From the parking lot, you will see the view in FS3-3. The entrance is the solid door just to the left of the large garage doors.

LOCATON OF THE ANTENNA CABLE DROP

The antenna drop is in an office toward the front of the building. After entering the back door, turn right and go down the hall shown in FS3-4. The office with the antenna drop is to the right, just before the end of the hall. As you enter the office, the cable drop is just to your right on the wall as shown in FS3-6. The door to the right of the desk in that office goes out to the driveway at the front of the station.

WHERE TO SET UP

You will set up on the desk in the office with the antenna drop. A second radio operator won't have room on the desk and should bring a small collapsable chair. There is a power strip and antenna drop to the right by the stacked shelves. (FS3-6). There is another outlet across the hall but that requires leaving the extension cord on the hall floor. If you use it, it would be good to fasten it down with duct tape to be sure no one trips on it.

PACKET KIT AND CLIPBOARD

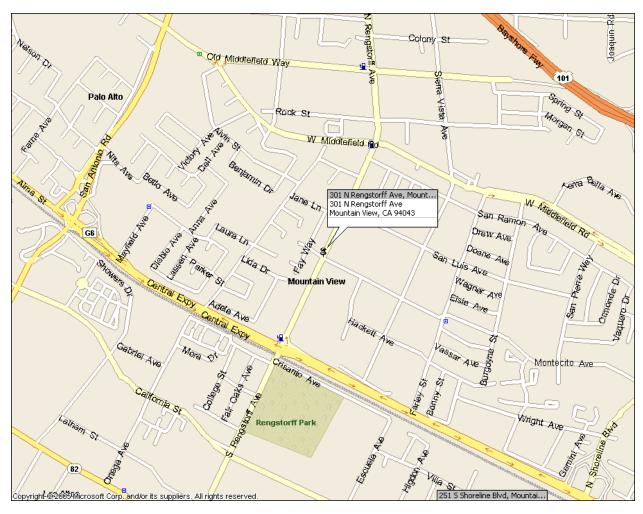
The packet kit and clipboard are located to the left of the desk inside a large metal cabinet. (FS3-5 and FS3-7). The packet radio is a dual band Kenwood TM700. Note that the left side is for 2 meter only – use the right side for 440 if needed. The packet radio connects to the 2 meter band of the antenna duplexer and your voice radio connects to the 440 connector. The packet radio is programmed to match the radio at K6MTV (1000 Villa), and there is a list of frequencies and channels. Channel 59 is W3XSC. The antenna at this station is a bit weak and can't reach W1XSC (Mountain View alternate BBS) but can reach W4XSC if W3XSC is down.

The clipboard container has message forms, a 10 foot power-pole cable with strain relief and various antenna adaptors.

NOTE:

There is a mail slot in the outside door of the radio room that CERT people might use to bring forms to you for transmission. People cannot be admitted to the fire station.

MAP OF THE LOCATION OF FIRE STATION 3 **301 N. Rengstorff Ave** Thomas guide: 811 G3





FS3-1 - Front of Fire Station 3

FIRE STATION 3 PHOTOS



FS3-2 – Entrance to parking lot in the rear of the station, entrance from Montecito



FS3-3 - Rear entrance to Fire Station 3



FS3-4 – The antenna drop is in the last office to the right at the end of the hall



FS3-5 – Desk for radio setup. Packet kit and clipboard storage container are in gray cabinet left of desk.



FS3-6 – Cable drop and power strip to the right of the desk.



FS3-7 – Packet kit and clipboard container in big metal cabinet left of desk.