Boone County ARES (BCARES) provided voice and APRS communications in support of the Froze Toes Bike Race, sponsored by the Columbia Bike Club on a cold and rainy Sunday, March 10, 2013. The race circuit was a 30 mile loop in north east Boone County that also included some roads in Callaway and Adair Counties. A directed simplex 2M net was setup to provide race officials with information from each of the 5 corners, and Start/Finish. Self-contained APRS trackers were attached to four official pace-vehicles, and the BCARES rover. A portable APRS digi was setup on the northern edge of the circuit to provide full course APRS coverage. The Boone County Fire Protection District provided their mobile command center vehicle, Command 2 (see Figure 1), which provided a clean, dry, and warm location for Net Control and APRS map displays.

One interesting story during the afternoon races occurred when one of the serious, head-down-pedaling-into-the-rain-and-fog riders missed turn 3! Coincidentally, Rover 1 was not far away from Corner 3 when the call came over the net for rescue. Rover 1 found the racer, still pedaling head-down about 1 mile off course, and convinced him to turn around and get back on course.

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