

**DPW – Dispatch  
Gameshow**  
Palmer Parker  
Dispatch Manager

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1. Briefly describe your role working for Burning Man this year.  
Uh, managed DPW Dispatch.

2. In your opinion, what worked well and what didn't this year.

Worked well:

Commissary food ~ some of you may not know that for the first time (in at least seven years if not longer) Dispatch shift hours were changed solely so that each person coming on and each person going off shift at breakfast, lunch, and dinner could go to the Commissary rather than eating to-go meals (ok so the to-go meals are good, too, but cannot match the selection of sumptuousity offered in the Commissary itself).

Other things delightedly much the same as last year: Radar, PornStar, and Taz rocked our IT world.

As always mighty nice and timely support from those higher up the food chain such as Cobra, SaraVictoriaBothwellFels, Playground, and HazardousMathew, as well as a host of others.

Yet another repeat, Dispatch crew living in the back of the Depot area. Makes for quiet daytime sleeping not to mention a nice commute time and good blend of convenience, availability, and electrical power.

Appreciation to Comm guys for letting DPW Dispatch head toward a radio console, for giving Dispatch members a show 'n tell on theirs, and for being ok with our changing our minds about wanting a radio console...

Being able to identify individual radios ~ cut down on the jackassery and made it possible for Dispatch to suggest a particular individual move their butt to prevent further open mic broadcasting.

Could use some help:

Programming/reception problems with Dispatch mobile radios at beginning of the season resulted in my shutting down Dispatch 1 channel until the mobiles were reverted back to, as I understand it, the previous year's settings. I understand the Comm guys have a great new working facility in Reno which will maybe make it possible to work on things more pre-season.

Radio coverage/communication between Gerlach and anywhere but Gerlach was

possibly worse than ever this year. We found that using non-repeated channels such as Dispatch 1 worked better than having the Gerlach office on a mobile on Gerlach 3 and Dispatch on a mobile on Site 4 or a handheld on Site 4. Radios in Gerlach could often hear nothing of Site 4 or Ranch 2.

3. What improvements would you like to see? How should these improvements be implemented?

All rental handheld radios (each with a mic) in Gerlach prior to arrival of Dispatch Manager. I believe the added cost would be offset by reduced frustration and increased productivity on the part of those left waiting for the second batch of radios to arrive.

Would it make sense or help any to incorporate the Site 4 repeater in 2011's "new" Dispatch trailer and/or put it's antenna on the tower that Taz has placed in the Depot yard?

Probably time for a new(er) faster computer in Dispatch so overnight shift time can be buoyed by watching movies that don't look like they were made for stroboscopes on Valium (Waaah!) and, whilst we're at it, a new(er) printer so Radar doesn't pass out from too frequent paper feed roller cleaner inhalations. There've also been times when having fax/scanner capability in Dispatch would be helpful to staff and vendors.

Dispatch office semi trailer became mold-infested due to several holes in the roof. Dispatchers appreciate the organization's willingness to rectify the situation.

All things being equalish next year, the total DPW handheld radio fleet including bricks and rentals should be at least 165. This year we had 135 rentals, another 15 would have made an appreciable difference in the "peak of the season."

4. Do you feel that you have the tools, resources, and training that you need to do the job you need to do? If so, how? If not, why not?

Yep except as above and that's bein' worked on...

5. Any other burning thoughts you'd like to share?

The annual good stuff:

### **2010 Quote 'o The Day**

If you don't hear voices in your head, you're not wearing your radio right. ~ Nipps

I didn't come here to NOT kick ass. ~ Starchild

That was easy! ~ The Easy button self-activating

Out here you don't lose your girlfriend, you just lose your turn. ~ Spoono

I'm like a hooker with a heart of gold. ~ Attribution unknown or at least unrecorded...

You can't have slaughter without laughter. ~ Possibly/probably Sgt. Slaughter. Then again, maybe not.

Burning Manscaping ~ Make-Out Queen

Next year is the best year ever! ~ Zombie

If it's on playa and on time...it's early. ~ A Comm person

Awesome sauce on your face! ~ Detour to Hayseed

No one told me marriage was about waiting for someone to take a shit. ~ Adrienne

Burning Man changed my life and I'm suing. ~ Mr. Klean

Word of the Day: Hussy ~ PornStar at the Ghetto Bar on Ladies Night

Sure glad I'm not having a heart attack! ~ Make-Out Queen on channel 9 after trying to raise ESD 911 Dispatch three times (followed by heart attackish noises)

Will you marry me? - Joe

That's a big, "YES!" - Beany

Nobody ever told me I had to check the fluids in my fleet vehicle every day. ~ Fluffer Rugburn

You can't fix it if it ain't broken. ~ Gameshow

So when there's a whiteout in a porta potty is that bad? ~ Gate radio call

Some kinds of dirty just don't wash off. ~ Rest Stop Buddy

I play fast! ~ Pillowtalk

Go for Beany and her cock. ~ Beany to Spoono soon after her rooster keyed the mike.

Like ants in a line marching to the Mecca in the dirt. ~ Detour to Gameshow about Gate

It's not Burning Man until you cry... ~ Someone at the Gnome (Knome? Ah, who cares, it's Burning Man.)

I'm in your personal hell. ~ Oh My God

Like Vegas for Ravers. ~ Attribution not noted

I love getting the KLAP in Gerlach! ~ Sgt. Slaughter

Playground to Oh My God: "What's your 20?"

Oh My God to Playground: "I'm in my own personal hell."

True liberation can only be achieved through INDIFFERENCE. ~ Nomad

You can't spell Commissary Crew without Awesome. ~ Toad at last supper in Commissary

2-ply by midnight! ~ Detour

Please save all melt-downs for restoration. ~ Weldboy