



# Riverside & Moreno Valley ARES Districts Activation Plan

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This Activation Plan provides ARES members the procedures to follow should one of the following events occurs. The objective of this plan is to provide for the rapid dissemination and collection of information to/from ARES members and their assignments in an orderly manner through the activation of a Resource Net and subsequent Tactical Nets as necessary. These procedures will be followed for both actual emergencies and practice drills and will be adapted based on the circumstances of the event. It is also understood that your first priority is the safety of you and your family.

## Primary West Riverside County Activation Events:

- **Earthquakes:** As earthquakes are one of our primary concerns in SoCal, we will activate a Resource net for a magnitude 3.5 or greater in Riverside County. The smaller earthquakes with little or no damage, will serve as a training opportunity. The first available designated Resource Net Operator by the District or local Emergency Coordinator, will start the net as explained below, to take check-ins and collect and provide information for 1 hour after the earthquake, or continue should it be a major event.
- **Red Cross NTSB Response:** The Red Cross is mandated to respond to events the National Traffic Safety Board responds to. As the Riverside Red Cross is our primary served agency through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), we may be activated to provide communications support at the location of the incident.
- **Large Scale Fires**
- **Major flooding and other significant weather-related events**
- **Large scale Power outages**
- **Terrorist events**
- **A complete or partial communications outage occurs because of an event.**
- **Drills**

## When an event occurs, the following procedures will be followed:

1. ARES members will be alerted by one or more of the following methods.  
*The one exception, as explained above, are earthquakes of magnitude 3.5 or greater in Riverside County. ARES operators should check in to the Resource Net as soon as possible on the Primary Command Frequency (or alternates should the primary be in use or down) per the Frequency Plan below in Table-1.*
  - a. Alert by SMS text messages and/or email using the ARESDB.com database.
    - a. Drills will only use this method.
  - b. Alert by telephone. For actual emergencies only and assuming operational.
  - c. Resource Net on the Primary *Command Frequency (or alternates should the primary be in use or down) per the Frequency Plan below in Table-1.*
2. Alerts will be issued by the District Emergency Coordinator (DEC), Emergency Coordinator (EC), Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC) or a designated Net Control Operator.
3. ARES operators should check in to the Resource Net as soon as possible with their status and general location (home, work or mobile).



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4. Your status should be given as one of the following. Wait until requested for additional information.
  - a. **Green**: Ready and available for service assignment
  - b. **Yellow**: Not available for service but can send and receive messages for my location.
  - c. **Red**: Need Assistance.
  - d. **Black**: Not available for service, monitor only
5. The Resource Net Control (RNC) will follow-up with **Red** status operators first, then advise of current information available about the event.
6. When requested by the RNC, operators should report any pertinent information occurring at their location. Please wait for the RNC to request this information.
7. The RNC or a designated operator, will provide emergency information received from ARES operators to served agencies. Operators should not contact the served agencies unless directed to do so by the RNC or agency.
8. Should the Red Cross request operators to staff EOC and Shelter stations, the RNC will assign **Green** status operators to report to an assigned location.
9. Operators must check-in with the RNC when you arrive and depart your assignment and at home.
10. For large-scale events or drills, Tactical Nets will be established on separate frequencies and assigned ARES operators will be directed to the Tactical Net. Do NOT check in to a Tactical Net until directed to do so by the RNC.

| Description               | Frequency         | ID / Info                        | Comment  |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Command MV-1<br>Primary   | 449.300- PL:103.5 | KI6REC - MV Box Springs          | 449.300 Simplex if repeater is down.   |
| Command MV-2<br>Secondary | 448.260- PL:127.3 | HARP<br>Reche Peak               | Frequency is shared with Mt Lucas Repeater recommend use Encode/Decode tone. |
| Command MV-3<br>Alternate | 146.655- PL:103.5 | AB6MV - MVARA                    | 145.655 Simplex if repeater is down.   |
| Command MV-4<br>Alternate | 146.115+ PL:88.5  | KB6DMZ – ARES                    | 146.115 Simplex if repeater is down.   |
| Command MV-5<br>Alternate | 223.960- PL:100.0 | K6AFN – March<br>AFB - ARES/open | 223.960 Simplex if repeater is down.   |
| MV TAC 1                  | 145.510           | 2m. Simplex                      |  |
| MV TAC 2                  | 446.520           | 440 Simplex                      |  |

**Table 1 - Frequency Plan**

**Remember, your safety is our number one priority!**

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