

ACTIVATION LEVEL 3



1.1 ACS/ARES® LEVEL 3 (ALERT)

ACS/ARES® officials have been notified by one or more served agencies that Amateur Radio Communicators may be needed soon. No specific timeframe for activation is normally associated with this notification.

1.2 NET CONTROL STATION PROCEDURES

When notified by the EC/RO or his/her designee that ACS/ARES® Activation Level 3 has been established, the assigned Net Control Station (NCS) for the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource net will perform the following actions.

- a. Using the NCS script shown below, announce the establishment of the Tactical-Resource net on the W4ACS repeater system. The announcement should be repeated once per hour, traffic permitting.
- b. Once net establishment is complete, confirm that the alternate NCS is on Frequency. If the alternate NCS is not on frequency, contact the Net Manager and request assistance in locating and assigning an alternate.

This is an informal net in which other amateur traffic may be passed and is considered a Watch Net. Any station may call any other station without the permission of the NCS. However, the NCS is still responsible for the proper operation of the net and should exert control if traffic management or discipline becomes an issue.

1.3 ALTERNATE NCS PROCEDURES

The alternate NCS will perform the following actions.

- a. When directed by the NCS, assume temporary control of the net. This may occur when the NCS needs a short break.
- b. Immediately assume the duties of the NCS if the primary NCS encounters a problem that prevents that station from continuing as NCS.
- c. Monitor and copy all bulletins and message traffic passed by the net so that your station can assist with relays if requested to do so by the NCS.
- d. Maintain a duplicate net roster and NCS log.

1.4 PINELLAS ACS NET CONTROL SCRIPT

The following panels contain the NCS script to be used during the net. Please follow the directions listed below when using the script.

- a. The text within quotes should be broadcast to the net as written.
- b. Notes within the script provide additional information to the NCS. They are displayed in **Blue** and should not be broadcast to the net.
- c. The place holders (*Call sign*) and (*Name*) should be replaced with the FCC Call Sign and name of the individual identified in the script.
- d. The **ACTION** statements within the script describe the actions to be performed by the NCS or the station called by the NCS. They are displayed in **Red** and should not be broadcast to the net.

LEVEL 3 ANNOUNCEMENT SCRIPT

This is (*Call sign*) and I am the net control station for the Pinellas County ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource Net.”

“Pinellas ACS/ARES® is now at activation **level 3 – ALERT.**”

“Activation Level 3 means that one or more served agencies may need Pinellas County ACS/ARES® support in the near future.”

ACTION - Announce reason for activation level 3

“Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.”

“All Pinellas ACS/ARES® stations are requested to take the appropriate steps needed to prepare for possible activation and deployment. Refer to the Pinellas ACS/ARES® Emergency Communication Plan for additional information. Please continue to monitor this frequency for additional information.”

“The local time is now _____” (**Use 24-hour format**)

“This is an informal net. Net Check-ins are not required.”

END OF SCRIPT

1.5 ACS/ARES® DEACTIVATION

Deactivation will occur when the organization requesting ACS/ARES® support notifies ACS/ARES® that its assistance is no longer required. If more than one organization has requested support from ACS/ARES®, full deactivation will not take place until all requesting organizations indicate that support is no longer required.

1.5.1 Net Control Station Procedures

When notified by the EC/RO or his/her designee that ACS/ARES® is being deactivated, the assigned NCS for the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource net will perform the following actions.

- a. Use the announcement script shown below to announce the net is being deactivated.

ACS/ARES® DEACTIVATION ANNOUNCEMENT SCRIPT

“This is (*Call sign*) and I am the Net Control Station for the Pinellas County ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource Net.”

“The Pinellas County ACS Radio Officer has been directed to **Deactivate** ACS/ARES®.”

“The local time is now _____” (**Use 24-hour format**)

“I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and participation in the net. All net participants are free to secure.”

“This is (*Call sign*). The net is now closed and the frequency available for normal Amateur use.”

END OF SCRIPT