

NET PARTICIPANT PROCEDURE

1.1 NET PARTICIPANT PROCEDURES

When notified by the EC/RO or his/her designee that ACS/ARES® Activation Level 1, 2, or 3 has been established, the general membership will perform the following actions.

- a. Monitor the appropriate repeater system or simplex frequency.
- b. During net establishment and reestablishment, the NCS will call for check-ins based on call sign prefix. When your prefix is called, check-in with the following information.
 - (1) FCC Call Sign
 - (2) Tactical Call Sign (if applicable)
 - (3) Deployment status (e.g., Currently deployed, available for deployment, not available for deployment.)
 - (4) Traffic List (e.g., no traffic, priority traffic, etc.)

EXAMPLES: (1) *"THIS IS (release PTT and pause for 2 seconds) WHISKEY ALPHA ONE ROMEO YANKEE QUEBEC, TACTICAL CALL SIGN IS BOCA CIEGA HIGH, CURRENTLY DEPLOYED, NO TRAFFIC, OVER".*

(2) *"THIS IS (release PTT and pause for 2 seconds) WHISKEY ALPHA ONE ROMEO YANKEE QUEBEC, AVAILABLE FOR DEPLOYMENT, ONE PRIORITY, OVER".*

(3) *"THIS IS (release PTT and pause for 2 seconds) WHISKEY ALPHA ONE ROMEO YANKEE QUEBEC, NOT AVAILABLE FOR DEPLOYMENT, NO TRAFFIC, OVER".*

- 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. Remain on frequency until release by net control.
- e. If you must leave the net, wait for a break in traffic, call net control, and request authorization to leave the net.

- f. Continue to monitor local news outlets for updated information.

1.2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.

1.2.1 Activation Level 3

Members should perform the following steps when ACS/ARES® activation level 3 is announced.

- a. Use telephone, text, or email to notify the EC/RO about your ability to support activation.
- b. Review this Pinellas ACS/ARES Emergency Communications Plan and obtain a copy of the event specific ICS 205.
- c. Inventory and check radio equipment and go-kit. Winlink users should verify that software and forms are up to date.
- d. Charge Handheld Transceiver (HT), computer, and emergency batteries.
- e. Test emergency generator and top-off fuel supply.
- f. Top-off fuel for car/truck.
- g. Monitor email for ACS/ARES® activation notifications and ICS 205 updates.
- h. Monitor the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource net for updates.
- i. Monitor local news reports.

1.2.2 Activation Level 2

In addition to the steps documented for level 3 activation, members should perform the following steps when ACS/ARES® activation level 2 is announced.

- a. **Ensure that family and property are safe.**
- b. Use telephone, text, or email to notify/update the EC/RO about your ability to support activation. If cell and internet service are unavailable, provide activation status via the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource net.
- c. Emergency Go-kit should be packed and ready for immediate deployment. If ACS/ARES® transitions to level 1, members should be ready to deploy within approximately 15 minutes.

- d. Do-Not Self-Deploy.

NOTE: Individuals who deploy without an assignment from the EC/RO, his/her designee, or the NCS will not be covered by worker's compensation.

- e. Check-in to the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource net.

1.2.3 Activation Level 1

In addition to the steps for level 2 and 3 activation, members should perform the following steps when ACS/ARES® activation level 1 is announced.

- a. ***Ensure that family and property are safe.***
- b. Use telephone, text, or email to notify/update the EC/RO about your ability to support activation. If cell and internet service are unavailable, provide activation status via the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource net.
- c. Emergency Go-kit should be packed and ready for immediate deployment.
- d. ***Do-Not Self-Deploy.***

NOTE: Individuals who deploy without an assignment from the EC/RO, his/her designee, or the NCS will not be covered by worker's compensation.

- e. Check-in to the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource net.
- f. If notified of an assignment by the EC/RO, his/her designee, or the NCS, perform the following actions.
 - (1) Notify the NCS when you leave your current location and are in route to your assignment.

NOTE: Each ACS member who is deployed in response to an approved activation event will be covered by worker's compensation for volunteers. The coverage starts when the ACS member responds to a deployment request (sent to him/her via text, phone call, or NCS message) indicating that the member is leaving his/her home and is now in route to a deployment location. The time of this response message is recorded by the NCS and used to start the clock for worker's comp.

- (2) If you require additional equipment to support the assignment, contact the logistics officer and then proceed to the EOC to obtain the equipment. Once you have the equipment in hand, proceed to the specified location or staging area. Notify the NCS upon your arrival at the destination.
- (3) If you do not require additional equipment, proceed directly to the specified location or staging area. Notify the NCS upon arrival.

NOTE: *When someone calls in to report travel, the Tactical Net Control in the radio room of the EOC will make a note stating that the person is in route to a specific location. When the traveler reports that they have arrived, the EOC will close out the associated travel monitor. If the EOC does not hear back from the traveler, the EOC will call them in approximately 30 minutes to find out where they are located or, if necessary, send someone to look for them.*