ACTIVATION LEVEL 2

MOBILIZE

1.1 ACS/ARES® LEVEL 2 (MOBILIZE)

This section documents the procedures to be used by the Net Control Station (NCS) and Alternate NCS during a level 2 activation event. It contains the following NCS script.

 a. [ACS Tactical-Resource Net Activation](#)

1.1.1 Trigger Events

Pinellas County Emergency Management will issue an EOC Activation Notice prior to ACS activation. The notice will specify the date and time that the ACS EOC radio room team is required to be on site at the EOC and ready to work.

Pinellas ACS will transition to level 2, **Mobilize**, upon receipt of the EOC Activation Notice or at the direction of the ACS RO.

1.2 NET CONTROL STATION PROCEDURES

The following procedures will be used by the NCS during an ACS level 2 activation event.

1.2.1 ACS Tactical-Resource Net Activation

NOTE: *The ACS Tactical-Resource Net will only be established during a level 2 activation if internet and phone services are* *not* *available.*

When notified by the Radio Officer (RO) or the ACS Leadership Team to establish the ACS Tactical-Resource net, the assigned NCS will perform the following actions.

 a. Using the announcement script shown in Section 1.4.1, announce the establishment of the Tactical-Resource net on the W4ACS repeater system.

NOTE: *It is important for the NCS to keep an accurate and up to date record of all network participants, their current location, and ability to mobilize to a deployment site. During an NCS shift change, this information will need to be transferred to the on-coming NCS.*

    b.   Following the Level 2 announcement, the NCS will call for net check-ins.

    c.   Once net establishment and check-in is complete, the NCS will perform the following actions.

        (1)   Assign one or more net participants to announce on the other repeaters documented in the ICS 205 that Pinellas ACS is now operating at Level 2 Activation.

NOTE: *Pinellas ACS does not require the NCS or any net participant to create an audio record of net activities. However, individuals may create audio records for personal use or to assist them with event reconstruction and ICS 214 documentation.*

1.2.2 Periodic Net Announcements

At the beginning of operational period one, ACS will transition from Level 2, ***Mobilize***, to Level 1, ***Activate***. Prior to level one activation, the NCS will continue using the script shown in Section 1.4.1, to announce that the ACS Tactical-Resource net is active and to document the deployment availability of ACS resources. Announcements will take place at least once per hour and whenever important information must be broadcast to the net.

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 sections contain the NCS scripts to be used during the net. Please follow the directions listed below when using the scripts.

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 (*Time*) should be replaced with the FCC Call Sign and of the Net Control Station and the time 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.

1.4.1 ACS Level 2 Activation Script

The NCS for the ACS Tactical-Resource net will use the following script to establish the net and document the deployment availability of ACS resources.

ACS TACTICAL-RESOURCE NET ANNOUNCEMENT SCRIPT

"This is (*Call sign*), the Net Control Station for the Pinellas County ACS Tactical-Resource Net."

"Pinellas County Emergency Management has notified the ACS Leadership Team that ACS activation is imminent."

"This Activation is due to…"

ACTION - Announce reason for activation.

"Additional information will be provided as it becomes available."

"All ACS stations are requested to take the appropriate steps needed to prepare for immediate deployment. Refer to the Pinellas ACS Emergency Communication Plan for additional information."

"The local time is now (*Time*)." (**Use 24-hour format**)

"This net is only handling Emergency and Priority traffic. All users are requested to keep this frequency clear unless you are a member of Pinellas County ACS."

"The ACS Tactical-Resource Net will continue to use the W4ACS repeater system throughout the activation period. However, if this repeater becomes inoperable, the net will move to the WD4SCD repeater. If both repeaters become inoperable, the net will continue operation on the simplex frequency of 146.430 MHz."

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ACS TACTICAL-RESOURCE NET ANNOUNCEMENT SCRIPT (CONT.)

"This is (*Call sign*). I will now take check-ins for the net. When checking into the net, please provide Net Control with your call sign and availability for deployment. Please speak slowly, clearly, and phonetically. Also, please call one at a time and wait for Net Control to acknowledge each station before a new station attempts to check in."

"Stations with a prefix that begins with the letter A (Alpha), the letter N (November), or the letter W (Whiskey). Please call now."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

"Nothing heard."

"Stations with a prefix that begins with the letter K (Kilo). Please call now."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

"Nothing heard."

"I will now take check-ins from any station not previously acknowledged."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

"Nothing heard."

"All stations are requested to continue monitoring this frequency for bulletins and deployment assignments. This is (*Call sign*) standing by."

END OF SCRIPT

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Record of Changes

REVISION	DESCRIPTION	DATE
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