

QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS/EQUIPMENT
MUTUAL AID RESPONDERS - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
SANTA CLARA COUNTY ARES/RACES
Approved by the SCCo Emergency Managers Association on July 15, 2004

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR
SANTA CLARA COUNTY OES ARES/RACES MUTUAL AID RESPONDERS:

- Valid Amateur Radio License
- County Disaster Service Worker registration (in addition to City registration)
- Passed background check conducted by law enforcement (either at city or at county)
- Has completed Incident Command System 100 course or received equivalent training or experience
- Has performed effectively in ARES drills or RACES activations as a field responder as determined by city Emergency Coordinator and city Emergency Manager
- Has demonstrated net operations skills (e.g. regular participation in weekly ARES nets)
- Has demonstrated ability to work with other responders, both RACES and professionals as determined by city Emergency Coordinator and City Emergency Manager
- Valid California driver's license
- 18 years or older
- Physical ability commensurate to the assignment
- Recommended, and qualifications certified, by city ARES Emergency Coordinator
- Recommendation approved by city Emergency Manager or other city official

TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS

NET CONTROL OPERATOR

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| Position Description/Duties: | Act as net control for ARES/RACES communications nets at Santa Clara County OES, Red Cross, Hospital, City EOC, or other similar assignment |
| Skills/Qualifications: | Experience in handling nets at ARES or RACES events, or weekly ARES net operations |
| Equipment/Preparation: | Should carry basic Mutual Aid Responder "Go Kit" maintained to county standard list or its equivalent (to be posted at the Santa Clara County ARES/RACES web site); no other preparation required beyond Minimum Requirements listed above |

FIELD OPERATIONS

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| Position Description/Duties: | Supply RACES communications for Red Cross shelter, hospital, volunteer center, fire station, school, Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle, or similar assignment. Act as communicator for windshield surveys, initial damage assessment, creek water observation, etc. Serve as shadow when assigned. |
| Skills/Qualifications: | Experience as field communicator during ARES community activities and other city/county exercises Demonstrated ability to set up and operate a hand-held-radio-based field station. |
| Equipment/Preparation: | Must have a 2-meter Hand-held radio of 5-watt capability when connected to 12V DC power, and a minimum of 2.5 watt performance on portable battery. Mutual Aid Responder Go-Kit for at least 16 hours including food and water, warm clothing, hard hat, and substantial shoes. Maintain Go-Kit to county standard list or its equivalent (to be posted at the Santa Clara County ARES/RACES web site) |

SCCo MUTUAL AID RESPONDER QUALIFICATIONS (Con't)

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (RECORD TO BE KEPT AT COUNTY LEVEL):

Note these qualifications are beneficial, but not required for issuance of Mutual Aid Responder ID.

Experience in packet operations (especially in use of Outpost program for connection to the county packet system)

25w or higher mobile transmitter, portable antenna, and 24 hours of battery power

Competence in basic electronics

Other qualifications to be noted when appropriate (e.g. foreign language capability, etc)

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