

Radio Net Definitions

Resource Net

The "Resource Net" is primarily used to recruit and manage resources (both operators and equipment) in support of mutual aid operations. The Net may also be used in the event of a self-alerting emergency, like an earthquake, to gather a snapshot of damage in the first few minutes following the emergency in order to provide the city and county EOC with a quick-look damage picture. The "Resource Net" evolves as a natural outgrowth of the size of the incident. The "Resource Net" is also used as a check-in point before an assigned responder leaves for his/her assignment. As the size of an operation increases and more ARES/RACES jurisdictions become involved in the incident, a "Command Net" may become necessary.

Message Net

This countywide net's function is to carry traffic between cities and other jurisdictions to the County EOC, San Jose Red Cross, and Palo Alto Red Cross.

Command Net

This Net's function is to provide an intercom for County ARES/RACES Staff, SCV Section Staff, City ECs, and Shift Supervisors. No formal traffic is to be passed on this net. This net also serves Staff, ECs, and Shift Supervisors when enroute from one location to another.

Packet Data Net

This net's function is to handle damage assessment traffic from cities and other jurisdictions to the County EOC, and logistics traffic between cities and other jurisdictions to the County EOC, San Jose Red Cross, and Palo Alto Red Cross. This net utilizes the Emergency BBS operating system.

Other Tactical Nets

These other nets are created on an as-required basis to handle ARES/RACES operations within a city or other jurisdictions. They may also be created by other agencies such as the Red Cross, Hospitals, etc. to handle specific kinds of traffic. Tactical Net names are given by the creating jurisdictions or agency. Tactical Net Control is from the jurisdiction's or agency's EOC. Tactical Nets will not normally be monitored by the County EOC nor by the Red Cross Chapters (except Tactical Nets created by the Red Cross).

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