

Santa Clara County ARES/RACES Field Operations Checklist

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Alert

- Provide damage report to county Resource Net Level 1 (or city net, as directed by local city procedures)
- Monitor for escalation - Resource Net level 2, 3
- Verify home and family are safe
- Verify vehicle is fueled and ready
- Verify go kit is ready, batteries charged
- Verify you are ready

Assignment and Activation

- For city activation:
 - Check into city net and request assignment
- For county activation:
 - Get released by city EC
 - Check into county Resource Net and request assignment
- Copy assignment details
- Copy activation number
- Update ICS-214

Travel to Assignment

- Contact Resource Net Control
 - “Ready to Depart”, Provide location & odometer (3 digits)
- Obey all traffic laws
- Pay attention and respond to health & welfare checks
- Do not go into areas that you feel are unsafe

Arrival

- Stay in vehicle
- Update ICS-214
- Advise net control of arrival
- Receive any final arrival instructions
- Check out of resource net
- Check into staging (or other local) net
- Follow instruction of staging or local officials. They may have you travel to a different location.

Setup

- Arrive at assignment location
- Sign in on ICS-211
- Attend briefing
- Set up station
 - Convenient
 - Quiet
 - Safe

Operations

- Check out of staging net
- Check into assigned net
- Update ICS-214 Unit Activity Log
- Log all communications on ICS-309 Communications Log
- Monitor net continuously while checked in
- Pay attention and respond to health & welfare checks

Safety

- Stay hydrated
- Watch for signs of problems for yourself and others
- Perform RF Exposure evaluation
- Works at a pace to prevent fatigue
- Take proper precautions to deal with heat and cold
- Takes breaks as needed
- Does not go anywhere you do not feel safe.
- Avoids overhead wires when setting up masts/antennas
- See Performance Standards and Best Practices document for a complete list

Shift Change and Shutdown

- If being relieved
 - Conduct relief briefing
 - Inform Net Control of operator transfer
- If not being relieved
 - Check out of assigned net
- Check into staging net
- Pack up station
- Leave the location as good or better than you found it
- Head back to staging

Departure

- Return to staging
- Complete any procedures requested by staging
 - Debriefing, review forms, time accounting, etc.
- Close out ICS-214
- Turn in all paperwork
- Sign out on ICS-211
- Check out of Staging Net
- Check into Resource Net

Travel from Assignment

- Contact Resource Net Control
 - “Ready to Depart”, Provide location & odometer
- Obey all traffic laws
- Pay attention and respond to health & welfare checks
- When arriving home check-out of the Resource Net

Post Deployment

- Recharge batteries
- Recheck go-kit
 - Equipment
 - Wash and repack clothes
 - Restock food/water