

MESAC OPERATIONAL PLAN

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE

During or immediately after an Unusual Occurrence, (earthquake, major wind storm, explosion, flood, etc.) MESAC members and auxiliary members shall monitor the MESAC repeater frequency of 147.060+. (if the repeater is out, switch to simplex which is the MESAC repeater's output frequency of 147.060 without an offset)

The first member on the air becomes NET CONTROL until relieved by the regularly assigned NET CONTROL person or his or her designate.

NET CONTROL shall maintain NET discipline at all times. All communications shall be directed to NET CONTROL. If you need to communicate with another member have NET CONTROL call your party and wait for him or her to relinquish the frequency or assign you to a simplex frequency.

Emergency traffic will always have priority.

NET CONTROL shall maintain a log of all member check-in's and status reports.

The following plan will be put into effect:

- Ensure the safety of yourself and family first.
- Report on the air and give NET CONTROL your callsign and state whether you have radio traffic. If you do not have radio traffic state "no traffic"
- Radio traffic shall be prioritized in three (3) categories in this order:
 - Emergency (immediate threat to life or property)
 - Priority (not an emergency but traffic must be handled with minimum delay)
 - Routine (traffic may be handled as time permits)
- Unless you have Emergency radio traffic stand by until called by NET CONTROL to give your status and your report on conditions and availability
- When NET CONTROL requests your report provide:
 - Your callsign
 - Your first name
 - Your general location
 - A brief report of conditions and availability
- Monitor news radio and/or TV, and fire frequencies if capable.
- Keep a log of all pertinent information you monitor or observe.
- Prepare yourself and your equipment for a neighborhood survey or deployment.
- Wait for further instructions regarding a MESAC activation if needed.
- If you have to leave your radio for an extended period of time and are no longer able to monitor the NET advise NET CONTROL.
- NET CONTROL will close the NET and return the repeater to normal operation when it is determined the Unusual Occurrence is over and/or MESAC involvement is no longer needed.

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MESAC EMERGENCY ACTIVATION

A MESAC Emergency Activation shall be declared when it is apparent that an Unusual Occurrence has impacted the City causing significant damage or disruption, and/or City officials have requested a MESAC response.

MESAC members and auxiliary members shall continue to monitor the MESAC repeater frequency of 147.060+.

Designated MESAC representatives shall be in contact with City officials.

Assignments will be issued by NET CONTROL over the MESAC Repeater, or if operational, as necessary by telephone.

Members must be in uniform or wearing their City Identification Cards.

The following plan will be put into effect:

- Ensure the safety of yourself and family first.
- Members shall be given assignments and told where and who to report to.
- Assignments may include but are not limited to:
 - Conducting a neighborhood damage and status survey.
 - Staffing the City Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Comm. Room.
 - Staffing the Police Department Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV).
 - Augmenting the City Communications Center staff.
 - Providing communications for neighborhood Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).
 - Providing radio communications support at an incident site.
 - Being dispatched to a site in the City to provide a damage assessment report.
 - Being assigned to a City official to provide field communications.
 - Providing Amateur Television (ATV) or slow scan images from incident site.
 - Gathering information and intelligence from broadcast radio or TV stations.
 - Providing logistical support as requested by City officials.
- Members shall be prepared to remain at their assignments for an extended period of time. (bring some food, water, and needed medications).
- Keep a log of all your activities and pertinent information you monitor or observe.
- Keep radio traffic to a minimum.
- Wait until you are relieved or notified that you have been released before leaving an assignment.
- NET CONTROL will advise when the MESAC Activation is concluded and return the repeater to normal operation.
- All MESAC members shall submit a log and/or report of their involvement during the MESAC Activation to a designated MESAC representative.