

Readiness Conditions from the 6th Chapter of Lee Co. ARES EmCOMM Plan

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6. Readiness Condition

Most emergencies follow some recognizable build-up period during which actions can be taken to achieve a state of maximum readiness. These readiness conditions are used as a method of increasing the alert posture of ARES members. The current readiness condition may be found on the <http://www.arrltx.org/> website.

6.1 Condition 4 – Normal - No immediate threat to life or property

Denotes that normal and routing conditions are present.

6.2 Condition 3 – Increased Readiness — Caution – Conditions may deteriorate into a more hazardous situation

Condition 3 refers to a situation which presents an increased potential threat, but poses no immediate threat to life or property. This condition includes situations which could become hazardous. As for weather, this includes severe weather such as hurricane watch, high wind (above 39 MPH) expected, tornado watch, flash flood watch, winter storm watch, or man-made threats.

6.3 Condition 2 – Escalated Response Condition - Alert – Hazardous weather is observed or imminent, or there could be an increased possibility of civil disobedience or terrorism

Condition 2 could be triggered by served agency when they ask ARES to be ready due to any threat. In case of severe weather, Condition 2 is triggered by severe weather warnings, such as inland hurricane; high wind, high water, tornado, flash flood, winter storm warning or man-made actions such as civil unrest out of control or terrorist attack.

6.3.1 LeeCARES Leader Actions

If activated, ARES leaders, or their representative, should maintain contact on the state ARES HF net at 7 PM each evening; participate in local, SKYWARN, and incident nets, prepare operator schedules for key clients, operations and resource nets; activate a resource net; conduct a daily meeting or conference call with ARES leaders; notify LeeCARES members that activation is expected or imminent.

6.3.2 LeeCARES Members Actions:

LeeCARES members should monitor their ARES repeaters; secure their home, family and emergency supplies; top off their vehicle fuel tank; start or participate in SKYWARN and incident nets, place go-kits and batteries in car.

6.4 Condition 1 – Emergency - Imminent Danger – Triggered by civil disobedience, terrorism or a severe weather event affecting Lee County

Emergency Condition 1 could be triggered when any severe threat listed above has occurred or has been declared by the Lee County Judge. In case of severe weather warnings or actual

conditions, such as high winds, tornado sighted close to or moving towards a populated area, flooding, or man-made disaster occur.

Lee Co. ARES EmComm Plan is in revision. Members are invited with comments. We will use it for our Simulated Emergency Test.

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