



# V-C-N Notification and Activation Checklist

*Introduction to ZR2-08AA  
- A V-C-N.org Academy Course -*

## Why This Course?

- ❑ Provide standardized materials for course download and instruction.
- ❑ Provide standardized procedures, protocols and forms to help volunteer emergency communicators be better prepared **before** and **after** notification.
- ❑ Increase operational area (OA) mutual aid capability through shared standards

## What You Will Learn?

- ❑ Difference between notification, activation and mobilization.
- ❑ Purpose of creating this standardized form.
- ❑ Why, when and how this standardized form should be used.
- ❑ How this form will help you to better “prepare for and respond to” field incidents, training sessions & development exercises.

# Unfolding Situational Environment

- ❑ Volunteer Liaison/Coordinators = 1 person.
- ❑ Agency/Organizational Volunteers = Many
- ❑ As more volunteers become available, they will need to be briefed and obtain updated SITSTAT reports as they become available.
- ❑ Who is responsible to provide updates?
- ❑ How will SITSTAT information be passed?

## Situational Awareness

- Volunteers need to learn how to “think” disaster, conduct “what if” situational pre-planning, anticipate activation/mobilization and begin intelligence gathering activities
- Types of disaster:
  - ❖ **Natural** (EQ, tornado, landslide)
  - ❖ **Manmade** (dam break, plane crash)
  - ❖ **Technological** (chemical explosion, nuclear power plant incident)

## Standardized N-A-M Activities

- **N**otification?
- **A**ctivation?
- **M**obilization?
  
- What does it mean?
  - ❖ “On Alert” or “I’m on stand-by” or “On Notice”
- What actions should be taken?
- How to define “get ready” for mobilization?

## Definition: Notification

- ❑ Initial contact (by organization) or advisory regarding a real or potential threat, hazard or other type of situation that may require volunteer resources be mobilized.
- ❑ Mobilization of resource **not** authorized!
- ❑ Initiate pre-deployment checklist activities.
- ❑ (“Start getting ready!”)

## Definition: Activation

- ❑ Confirmation (by organization) volunteer resources will (or likely) be needed to assist with the real or potential threat, hazard or other type of situation.
- ❑ Mobilization of resource **not** authorized!
- ❑ Continue with pre-deployment checklist activities and await further instructions.
- ❑ (“Continue getting ready!”)



## Definition: Mobilization

- Movement of specific volunteer resources **confirmed** and **authorized** by organization.
- Designated volunteer **resources identified** and **mobilizations** (or resource movement authorized) **approved**.
- (“Are you ready NOW?”)

# Organizational Autonomy

- ❑ ICS (and ZRICS) respects **organizational autonomy** regarding notification, activation and mobilization systems (plans, policies, procedures, protocols, practices).
- ❑ Each organization is responsible for **creating** and **testing/evaluating** their own notification, activation and mobilization systems.

# Organizational Autonomy

- ❑ **How/Who/When(If)** to be notified, activated and/or mobilized is **organizational decision**.
- ❑ V-C-N/ZRICS procedures, protocols & forms **do not conflict with or jeopardize** volunteer compliance with **organizational notification, activation and/or mobilization systems**.

## Problems w/Organizational Autonomy

- ❑ Systems normally only apply to your served agency or organization.
- ❑ Non-members are **unfamiliar** with your systems, training standards or operational procedures, protocols and forms.
- ❑ If no “convergent volunteer” (CV) policy exists, how will you take advantage of those wishing to “help” following disaster?

## Problems w/Organizational Autonomy

- ❑ ***SUV/CV's will be "on the air" & listening!***
- ❑ In most OA's, the number of SUV/CV greatly exceeds the number of registered volunteer members of any organization.
- ❑ If you need additional resources, and you have no more member resources...  
***...what are you going to do?***

## Why Develop Standards?

- ❑ Jurisdictional **resources** are **limited**.
- ❑ Agency / Disaster relief organizational **volunteer resources** are **limited** and it's **UNLIKELY** all will be **available** at the time of the incident:
  - ❖ Estimate: **1/3** will be victims themselves
  - ❖ Estimate: **1/3** will not be victims but will NOT be available for a number of reasons
  - ❖ Estimate: **1/3** be available

## Why Develop Standards

- IF only **33%** of your organizational volunteer **resources** are **available**, and the incident goes for multiple operational periods, **how many** positions can you **fill** during the:
  - ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Operational Period?
  - ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Operational Period?
  - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Operational Period?
  - ❖ Subsequent Operational Periods?

## IN A REAL DISASTER...

- ❑ FACT: There is a high possibility **some** of your organizational **volunteers** may **not** be available.
- ❑ FACT: There is a **high possibility** the **number** of position **requests** will **exceed** your **available** pool of volunteer **members**.
- ❑ ***WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?***



## DURING ROUTINE OPERATIONS

- The **number** of “**unaffiliated**” (not a member of an organization/“served agency”) **greatly exceeds** most volunteer organization pools of **registered member resources**.
- Some of those “unaffiliated” individuals are:
  - ❖ **Past members** (previously trained by you)
  - ❖ **Past qualified members** (trained by others)
  - ❖ **SUV** (Spontaneous Untrained Volunteers)  
aka: “Convergent Volunteers”

## Why a Standardized Notification System

- Environment during a real disaster will be chaotic and confusing.
  - ❖ Disruptions in transportation infrastructure (roads, bridges) and in utility systems (gas, water, electric) should be expected.
- Designing and implementing (in advance) a standardized activation level system will enhance timely notification and enhance mutual aid capability.

## Purpose Of This Form

- ❑ Provide **standardized form** for **all** volunteer emergency communicators.
- ❑ Identify **specific actions and activities** based on standardized activation levels (defined, objective, documented)
- ❑ Identify/Document **standardized activities** at **each phase** of N-A-M to increase levels of **preparedness** and **response** = Anticipated predictability.



**ZRICS ACTIVATION/MOBILIZATION CHECK LIST**

| A. AUTHORITY                              |   |     |
|---|---|-----|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVATION:   | YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:  | BY: |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> MOBILIZATION: | YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:  | BY: |
| 3. NOTIFIED BY:                           |   |     |
| 4. METHOD:                                | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> 2-WAY <input type="checkbox"/> TV <input type="checkbox"/> RADIO CH / FREQ: |     |
| 5. ORGANIZATION:                          |   |     |
| 6. CALL BACK:                             |   |     |

| B. INCIDENT INFORMATION |  |         |
|-------------------------|--|---------|
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| 2. NUMBER               |  | M-CODE: |
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| 4. MAP REF              |  |         |
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| C. ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION |  |
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SAL LEVEL ##  
& "KEY WORDS"  
REMAIN THE  
SAME ACROSS  
ALL ORGS.

SPECIFIC  
"RESPONSE"  
ACTIVITIES  
AT EACH  
LEVEL  
TO BE DECIDED  
BY EACH  
ORGANIZATION.

| ZRICS  |   | CATEGORY "Z" RADIO (ZR) INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>F. STANDARDIZED ACTIVATION LEVEL (SAL) OPERATIONS AND/OR ACTIVITIES</b> |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAL-0<br>YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:                         | <b>NORMAL.</b> There are NO known or potential incidents, dangers, threats or situations.                 | <b>RESPONSE:</b> Continue daily operations & schedules. Conduct ongoing preparedness program and maintain both readiness and awareness levels.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAL-1<br>YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:                         | <b>NOTICE.</b> Initial notification of current or possible incident, threat or situation.                 | <b>RESPONSE:</b> No deployment mobilization authorized. Implement Checklist:<br>1. Establish + confirm initial radio contact.<br>2. Advise "resource net" (RN) control station (RNCS) regarding availability:<br>> If NOT available to deploy, can you assist?<br>> If AVAILABLE, continue deployment checklist sequence.<br>3. Initiate intelligence gathering & documentation activities regarding situation<br>4. Begin portable (HT) radio and other rechargeable devices on "charge" status.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAL-2<br>YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:                         | <b>ALERT.</b> Local or adjacent OA volunteer radio organizations activated.                               | <b>RESPONSE:</b> No deployment mobilization authorized. Support requests may be possible. Implement Checklist (details inside e-mail notification message):<br>1. Advise family members / loved ones.<br>2. Confirm radio programming for accuracy.<br>3. Continue intelligence-gathering & documentation activities.<br>4. Initiate PFOG and deployment checklists sequence.<br>5. Initiate vehicle safety inspection (VSI) checklist. ( Confirm gas tank levels=FULL )<br>6. Start daily ICS-214 documentation. Record all actions / activity. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAL-3<br>YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:                         | <b>STAND-BY.</b> No deployment mobilization authorized. Notification of possible shift activation.        | <b>RESPONSE:</b> Implement ALERT Checklist and all previous levels.<br>1. Confirm health/safety of all family members/loved ones.<br>2. Advise "out-of-area" emergency contacts of situation.<br>3. Monitor situation by radio (if possible or practical)<br>4. Continue intelligence-gathering & documentation activities.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAL-4<br>YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:                         | <b>STAGE.</b> Notification of full or partial shift deployments with mobilization code (M-code required). | <b>RESPONSE:</b> Obtain M-Code. Implement activation checklist and all previous levels:<br>1. Establish and maintain communications with NCS.<br>2. Begin F-IAP. Confirm "safety net" operations, contact and frequencies.<br>3. Confirm all intentions with NCS before implementing any actions.<br>4. Maintain daily ICS-214 for details (mileage, locations, assignments) and accuracy.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAL-5<br>YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:                         | <b>DEPLOY.</b> Full or partial assignment to incident, perhaps in shifts. (M-code required.)              | <b>RESPONSE:</b> Implement checklist and all previous levels:<br>1. Follow all deployment instructions and safety guidelines.<br>2. NEVER leave your radio unattended (without authorization).<br>3. Contact NCS before deviating from any assignment or instructions.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAL-6<br>YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:                         | <b>DISASTER.</b> Disaster operations mode. No M-Code required (to activate, mobilize or assist).          | <b>RESPONSE:</b> Do whatever you can to help. Maintain a safe environment. Never jeopardize the safety of yourself or those around you. Unconventional assignments may be necessary. Remember AND USE your training and common sense. Keep daily ICS-214 updated.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAL-R<br>YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:                         | <b>RECOVERY.</b> Not available for assignment unless Activation Level 6 incident or situation.            | <b>RESPONSE:</b> Implement LEVEL "R" checklist:<br>1. Confirm safety of family / loved ones / neighbors.<br>2. Replenish or replace all used or depleted resources.<br>3. Conduct vehicle safety inspection (VSI).<br>4. Implement plan for LEVEL 0 response preparedness.<br>5. Advise when Level 0 using most expeditious method.  |

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|-----------------------|
| NORMAL                |
| NOTIFICATION<br>( 2 ) |
| ACTIVATION            |
| MOBILIZATION<br>( 3 ) |
| RECOVERY              |

## ZR2-08AA-F: Section “A”

- Authority
  - ❖ Activation? Or Mobilization?
  - ❖ Current date/time?
  - ❖ Who passed message?
  - ❖ How was message passed?
  - ❖ Name of individual's organization?
  - ❖ Callback (c/b) contact details?

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| 5. ORGANIZATION:                          |   |     |  |
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## ZR2-08AA-F: Section “B”

- Incident Information
  - ❖ Incident Name / Number
  - ❖ Mobilization code (M-code) if mobilized
  - ❖ Location of Incident
  - ❖ Map reference
  - ❖ Who you should report to



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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> MOBILIZATION:          | YYYY-MM-DD-TTTT:  | BY:               |                   |
| 3. NOTIFIED BY:                                    |   |                   |                   |
| 4. METHOD:   | <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> 2-WAY <input type="checkbox"/> TV <input type="checkbox"/> RADIO CH / FREQ:                           |                   |                   |
| 5. ORGANIZATION:                                   |   |                   |                   |
| 6. CALL BACK:                                      |   |                   |                   |
| B. INCIDENT INFORMATION                            |   |                   |                   |
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| 5. REPORT TO                                       |   |                   |                   |
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## ZR2-08AA-F: Section “C”

- Assignment Information
  - ❖ Functional Assignment (P-code)
  - ❖ Tactical Assignment
  - ❖ Tactical Identifier (callsign)
  - ❖ Other details

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## ZR2-08AA-F: Section “D”

- Communications Information
  - ❖ Resource Net (RN) information
  - ❖ Travel Net (TN) information
  - ❖ Staging Net (SN) information



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## ZR2-08AA-F: Section “E”

- Net Control Status
  - ❖ Type of Net
    - Open
    - Directed
    - Restricted
    - Emergency
  - ❖ Instructions based on type of net

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RESTRICTED                | Restricted radio traffic only. Only priority messages (reports of injury, damage or immediate threat are allowed. This is used in severe situations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY                 | Life – Safety – Emergency: ONLY Communication directly related to that in active support of the situation. Radio discipline = mandated.              |

## Why a Standardized Activation Levels

- ❑ SITSTAT updates will need to be distributed accurately and timely
- ❑ Systems (including backup systems) need to be created, tested and EVALUATED prior to disaster.
- ❑ Operational familiarity will decrease the time needed to notify volunteers.



## Why a Standardized Mobilization System

- ❑ Volunteer Coordinators and Emergency Managers have limited time to notify local volunteers regarding SITSTAT
- ❑ Systems (including backup systems) need to be created, tested and EVALUATED prior to disaster.
- ❑ Operational familiarity will decrease the time needed to mobilize volunteers.

## Why a Standardized Mobilization System

- Using valuable air-time to:
  - ❖ Provide SITSTAT information
  - ❖ Update RESTAT details
  - ❖ Designate mobilized members
  - ❖ Explain RNCS, TNCS, SNCS
  - ❖ Conduct RNCS, TNCS, SNCS
  - ❖ ***And what about those SUV/CV folks!***



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# Standardized Activation Levels

(Also Refer to Course 261)

## 8 Standardized Activation Levels

- **0** = Normal
- **1** = Notice
- **2** = Alert
- **3** = Stand-By
- **4** = Stage
- **5** = Deploy
- **6** = Disaster
- **R** = Recovery

## Why a Standardized Activation System

- Standardizing activation level (SAL) codes **increases** “common denominator” **training opportunities and performance** information
- SAL codes **increase preparedness** while **enhancing mutual aid** (and professionalism)
- SAL codes **decrease “air time”** requirements at a time (disaster) when radio traffic will naturally be at **increased ops tempo**