



Mission Viejo RACES – ARES HANDBOOK



Status Levels

(Also on reverse side of ZRICS ACTIVATION/MOBILIZATION-CHECK LIST pg.5-29)

- LEVEL 0 NORMAL.** There is no known incident, danger, threat or situation.
RESPONSE – Continue daily operations & schedules. Conduct ongoing preparedness program and maintain both readiness and awareness levels.
- LEVEL 1 NOTICE.** Initial notification of current or possible incident, threat or situation.
RESPONSE – No deployment mobilization authorized. Implement Checklist::
1. Establish + confirm initial radio contact.
 2. Advise “resource net” (RN) control station (RNCS) regarding availability:
> If NOT available to deploy, can you assist?
> If AVAILABLE, continue deployment checklist sequence.
 3. Initiate intelligence gathering & documentation activities regarding situation
 4. Begin portable (HT) radio and other rechargeable devices on “charge” status.
- LEVEL 2 ALERT.** Local or adjacent OA volunteer radio organizations activated.
RESPONSE – No deployment mobilization authorized. Support requests may be possible. Implement Checklist (details inside e-mail notification message):
1. Advise family members / loved ones.
 2. Confirm radio programming for accuracy.
 3. Continue intelligence-gathering & documentation activities.
 4. Initiate PFOG and deployment checklists sequence.
 5. Initiate vehicle safety inspection (VSI) checklist. (Confirm gas tank levels=FULL)
 6. Start daily ICS-214 documentation. Record all actions / activity.
- LEVEL 3 STAND-BY.** No deployment mobilization authorized. Notification of possible shift activation.
RESPONSE – Implement ALERT Checklist and all previous levels.
1. Confirm health/safety of all family members/loved ones.
 2. Advise “out-of-area” emergency contacts of situation.
 3. Monitor situation by radio (if possible or practical)
 4. Continue intelligence-gathering & documentation activities.
- LEVEL 4 STAGE.** Notification of full or partial shift deployments with mobilization code (M-Code).
RESPONSE – Obtain M-Code. Implement activation checklist and all previous levels:
1. Establish and maintain communications with NCS.
 2. Begin F-IAP. Confirm “safety net” operations, contact and frequencies.
 3. Confirm all intentions with NCS before implementing any actions.
 4. Maintain daily ICS-214 for details (mileage, locations, assignments) and accuracy.
- LEVEL 5 DEPLOY.** Full or partial assignment to incident, perhaps in shifts. M-Code required.
RESPONSE – Implement checklist and all previous levels:
1. Follow all deployment instructions and safety guidelines.
 2. NEVER leave your radio unattended (without authorization).
 3. Contact NCS before deviating from any assignment or instructions.
- LEVEL 6 DISASTER.** Disaster operations mode. No M-Code required (to activate, mobilize or assist).
RESPONSE – 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 your training. Use common sense. Keep daily ICS-214 updated.
- LEVEL R RECOVERY.** Not available for assignment unless Activation Level 6 incident or situation.
RESPONSE – Implement LEVEL “R” checklist:
1. Confirm safety of family / loved ones / neighbors.
 2. Replenish all used or depleted resources.
 3. Conduct vehicle safety inspection (VSI).
 4. Implement plan for LEVEL 0 response preparedness.
 5. Advise when Level 0 using most expeditious method.



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