



## BASIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

### **WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?**

**SAFETY FIRST! SAFETY FIRST!** *Whether you are at work or at home, check in with Net Control ONLY after you and your family's or co-workers' safety is assured.*

If you are outside of the City of Mission Viejo Area when a major disaster strikes and it is feasible to return you should do so. Whether you have a pre-assigned duty location or not, everyone should check-in with the MV RACES or ARES Net Control on the ??? ??? Repeater as quickly as possible, to obtain status level, last-minute instructions and to provide information as to your availability.

**If repeater is down – ONLY the NET CONTROL should set his/her radio for REVERSE operation – ALL OTHER STATIONS should operate NORMALLY on the repeater frequency (NOTE: they will only hear the net control station as he/she directs the net).**

**“In a Disaster”**: A “disaster” is an event of which a great majority of the population would be immediately aware. Its cause might be an earthquake, fire, large flood, tornado, city-wide civil disturbance, or other major event with disastrous consequence. It would be of such a nature as to displace or put in danger a large portion of the population. As soon as you are sure your home and family are safe MV RACES personnel should check into the net on the ??? ??? Repeater and wait instructions. **Note**: The first member on the frequency is the Temporary ARES Net Control Operator and must log all MV RACES personnel check-ins and reports of major damage, etc. Temporary Net control should use the preamble on page 4-7 for starting a ARES Net.

**“For an Emergency”**: An “Emergency” would be an event that would affect a moderate number of people within Mission Viejo. An Emergency may or may not be apparent to all personnel of the organization and many would have to be contacted by telephone to be asked to respond. Such an Emergency could be a major residential or high-rise fire, a significant chemical spill/hazardous materials incident, a localized flood or civil disturbance, a significant natural gas or petroleum pipeline leak, or a large aircraft crash. Some MV RACES personnel will likely be activated during these conditions either by on-the air net or via telephone call-up notice.

**“For an Incident”**: An “incident” is an event limited to a small geographical area. Telephone call-up would be used if MV RACES support is requested. An incident could consist of, but not be limited to, the following: major highway closures due to a large accident, multi-unit residential or single structure high rise fires.

Regardless of the type of event, Our served agency, the City of Mission Viejo and it's Emergency Coordinator or other City Official is the only authority authorized to activate MVRACES to respond to any disaster or emergency event, but as ARES unit we can activate ourselves and establish a net to be ready to activate as RACES.

### **ACTIVATION of MV RACES will be accomplished by the following methods:**

**RADIO**: A general broadcast advising the type of alert, stand-by or call-out status will be transmitted over the primary frequency, ??? ??? Repeater . Personnel will be advised as to the TYPE of event, WHAT to expect, and WHERE to go. DO NOT go to any destination related to the emergency (this applies to the EOC as well) unless you are requested to do so. Net Control will then ask what persons are available for assignment -- answer with your call sign, and when you will be available. If you are not available for assignment, but did copy the message, let the Net Control know this, as it saves time when establishing a telephone alert.

**TELEPHONE**: The remaining personnel will be called over the telephone and a short message will be given. During an "Alert" you may be requested to check with the Net Control Operator on the ??? ??? Repeater. Both work and home phone numbers will be called in an effort to reach personnel. If time allows, the same message may also be broadcast over a few local repeaters and simplex frequencies.

**COMMON SENSE**: It is understood that when a large-scale event such as an earthquake, explosion or severe storm occurs, individual RACES personnel must monitor the ??? ??? Repeater frequency for alert, stand-by or call-out bulletins.



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