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Contingency Mode - Primary Repeater Failure

Throughout the remainder of this document, The *Pinellas County ACS/ARES® Emergency Communications Plan and Standard Operating Procedure* document will be referred to as the Communications Plan.

Description

The ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource Net will be established at ACTIVATION LEVEL 1 using the primary ACS repeater system, W4ACS. The Net Control Station (NCS) will notify the net participants that a repeater failure has taken place and then transition the net to the back-up repeater system, WD4SCD.

The procedures documented in the Communications Plan will be used to activate, transition, and deactivate the net.

Objectives

This drill has three objectives.

- Provide training to the membership on contingency mode operation.
- Evaluate the Net Activation and Deactivation procedures documented in the Communications Plan.
- Evaluate the contingency mode procedure documented in the Communication Plan.

Procedure

The following procedure will be used to conduct the drill.

BEGIN DRILL

1. The NCS will activate the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource Net using the procedure for **ACTIVATION LEVEL 1** that is documented in Appendix D of the Communications Plan. The NCS will clearly state that the reason for the activation is a **TRAINING DRILL**.
2. At the completion of the Net Check-in phase, the NCS will pause for 1 minute and then announce on the W4ACS output frequency that a repeater failure has taken place and that the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource net is moving to the WD4SCD back-up repeater system.

NOTE: We are simulating a repeater failure; therefore, from this point forward in the Drill, no one should transmit on the input frequency of the W4ACS repeater.

3. The NCS, Alternate NCS, and net membership should transition to the alternate repeater in accordance with the procedure documented in paragraph 6.4.1 (Tactical-Resource Net Repeater System Failure) of the Communications plan.
4. Once the NCS has completed the Net Check-in phase on the WD4SCD repeater, the NCS will call on the ACS Training Officer for an announcement.
5. Following the ACS Training Officer Announcement, the NCS will Deactivate the ACS/ARES® Tactical-Resource Net in accordance with the procedure documented in Appendix D of the Communications plan.

END DRILL

Schedule

July 22nd, 2021 @ 1930 Hrs. Drill duration is scheduled for approximately 1 hour.

Resources

The W4ACS and WD4SCD Repeater systems.

Net Control Station: **TBD**

Alternate Net Control Station: **TBD**

After-Action Report and Activities

The NCS will provide a copy of the NCS log to the training officer.

Drill participants are encouraged to send comments, suggestions, and recommendations to the Training Officer via email. The Training Officer will compile the responses, report them to the membership during the next regularly scheduled ACS weekly training net, and post the information on the PCACS web site.

The Communications Plan will be updated to incorporate changes if required.