

SFARES-SOP-005	Emergency communications when there is no EAS, telephone, cell or internet service
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Purpose: Provide the SFARES Duty Officer or any SFARES member an Alert Net System to notify other SFARES members when the Emergency Alert System (EAS), telephone system, cell system or internet are not working.

Prerequisites: All Santa Fe ARES must have access to a VHF (two meter – 144-148 MHz) radio on FM and could have access to HF (28.400 MHz USB).

1. When there is a loss of the EAS or telephone, cell or internet, it is the responsibility of all SFARES members to monitor the Alert Net System as described in Attachment 1. It is the responsibility of the SFARES Duty Officer of the Day to establish an Alert Net as soon as practical as described in Attachment 1 and at a minimum at 8 AM, 12 Noon, 4 PM, and 8 PM. The purpose of the Alert Net will be: (1) to confirm a communication capability; and (2) to determine which SFARES members are available if required.
2. The Duty Officer or contact person for SFARES should document all information concerning emergency communications and calls for activations. If it is apparent there will be a mission for either the EOC Subgroup or the SAR Comm Subgroup, then the Duty Officer or contact person should contact members using the Alert Net System in Attachment 1 and the standard call up procedure as listed in the relevant SOP.

End

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Santa Fe ARES Alert Net System