

## Amateur Radio Emergency Service Terrell County

### Introduction

1. The Terrell County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is composed of FCC-licensed Amateur Radio operators who have voluntarily registered their expertise and equipment for public service communications duty.
2. Under FCC regulations, Amateur Radio public service communications are furnished without compensation.
3. The Terrell County ARES functions under the direction of the Terrell County Emergency Coordinator (EC), who is appointed by the ARRL West Texas Section Emergency Coordinator in consultation with the District Coordinator.
4. The EC may appoint assistant EC's as needed for the ARES to function efficiently.

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this plan is to provide a written guide containing the minimum information that would be needed in an emergency. Each emergency is different, so flexibility is necessary to provide an adequate response during an emergency.
2. The primary responsibility of the Terrell County ARES is to furnish communications in the event of a disaster, when regular communications fail or are inadequate.
3. All drills, training and instruction shall be carried out to insure readiness to respond quickly in providing effective amateur radio communications whenever the occasion may arise.
4. The primary area of coverage for the Terrell County ARES is Terrell County. The agencies served during a communications emergency will include Terrell County Sheriff, Terrell County EMS, Terrell County Volunteer Fire Department, and any other agency requiring communications aid during an emergency.

### Activating the Plan

1. If local telephone service is available, the EC and/or assistant EC should be notified by telephone. Notification may be initiated by any county, Red Cross, or similar official.
2. Upon notification of an emergency condition requiring Amateur Radio services the EC or assistant EC will contact the EC's or assistant EC's of Pecos County

and/or Brewster County for assistance. Contact information for Pecos and Brewster Counties is attached.

3. If a radio operator with appropriate license privileges is available, the Big Bend Emergency Net will be activated. The Terrell County EC or assistant EC will be stationed at the Terrell County Sheriff's office.

#### ARES Mobilization Procedure

1. Upon the awareness or notification that a communications emergency exists, ARES members will report in on the 147.34 repeater with 146.52 simplex used as the backup frequency.
2. The EC will assume net control or designate another station as net control.
3. If needed, supporting nets will be activated on alternate frequencies to facilitate efficient operations. Alternate nets may include a check-in net for members reporting and awaiting assignment or a traffic net for handling health-and-welfare traffic.
4. Mobiles will be dispatched by Net Control as needed.

#### Operations

1. All written messages must be in standard ARRL form
2. All messages must be signed by the official who originates them, with his title, taking responsibility for their content.
3. Message precedences of EMERGENCY, Priority, Welfare, and Routine, as defined on ARRL Form FSD-3, shall be used on all messages.
4. Stations do not transmit unless invited to do so by net control. The only exception to this rule is for a station having EMERGENCY traffic.

#### Preparedness

1. The Terrell County ARES will regularly supply public safety communications in conjunction with local events, to test the effectiveness of the operation.
2. The EC will provide a member contact list and repeater frequency list to all members; this list will be updated as necessary.

Contact List

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Repeater frequency: 147.340 (+) 88.5 PL

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