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NH ARES RAPID EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT (RED) TEAM

The purpose of the RED team is to assist NH ARES in meeting its mission to provide timely, professional-grade backup communications to our client agencies.

NH ARES RED Team Mission Statement

The RED Team will enable NH-ARES to quickly establish initial communication links for served agencies by providing a rapid response to an agency's call for assistance.

How does the RED Team fit in?

The RED Team is not a separate organization, but an integral part of NH-ARES. Its mission is in perfect alignment with the Mission and Vision Statements of NH-ARES. It shares the same Section leadership, draws from the same members, shares the same training goals, and serves the same client agencies.

Organization

All RED Team members will be active members of their home area's Rapid Response Team (RRT). In state-wide activations, or when the emergency is in the member's home area, their first responsibility will be to the local RRT. If a RED Team response is required *in addition* to a state-wide activation, ECs may be asked to release members for RED Team duty. This might occur when another area has not effective ARES organization, or when NHBEM requires specialized support.

Modes of Operation

Getting nets on the air quickly: RED Team members can get the Section Net on the air quickly and establish key links until other ARES resources can be activated.

Assisting in local areas: When local resources are inadequate, the services of the RED Team can requested by affected ECs, and work under his or her direction. In areas without an active EC, the SEC will direct the RED Team.

Providing direct agency support: For certain events, a served agency, such as BEM, may only require a small state-wide team. The RED Team can fill this need.

Purpose

The RED Team is a small group of dedicated, skilled, and ready responders who can rapidly set up basic radio communication networks under difficult circumstances.

- They can put the initial ARES coordination net on the air within an hour of activation,
- provide a short-term local response when requested by an EC until local ARES teams can respond within three hours of activation,
- serve areas of the state where a local ARES organization does not exist,
- can act as a short-term ARES Mutual Assistance Team (ARESMAT) to quickly assist neighboring Sections until other ARESMAT resources can be mustered.

The team is comprised of experienced ARES members from across the state, with at least one member from each local ARES group's Rapid Response Team. They must make a commitment

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to continued readiness and education, be dedicated to excellence, and have permission from their employers to respond when needed. Members must be committed to maintaining a high state of readiness.

Leadership

The RED Team will be directed by an Emergency Coordinator (EC) appointed by the SEC. The EC may also appoint one or more AECs to act in his or her stead, or to perform certain regular tasks, such as training.

Membership in the RED Team

The RED Team will draw its members from local NH ARES groups' Rapid Response Teams. Interested ARES members may apply to the SEC, and new team members will be chosen from the pool of applicants when an opening on the Team occurs. Members will serve a minimum of six months and must agree to participate in regular training, practice, and remain active in local ARES groups in a non-conflicting position. As members develop expertise, they will share their knowledge with local ARES members, increasing the overall value of the NH ARES membership in time of emergency.

Ideal candidates for the RED team will have the following qualifications:

- Membership in the local area's Rapid Response Team
- Experienced ARES radio operators with multi-mode, multi-band capability.
- Excellent people skills - work well in a team environment.
- Experienced in VHF/UHF and HF portable operation including voice and digital modes.
- Certified to at least ARECC Level One, preferably Level Two.
- Prepared to respond promptly and have permission from employer to do so.
- Can maintain appropriate equipment for rapid response including emergency power, portable antennas, and emergency communications gear. Members will have a pager or cell phone on hand 24/7 for activation messages.
- Bring some area of special expertise to the group. Examples:
 - Traffic Handling
 - Public Service
 - Experience in training, emergency communications, CAP
 - Portable HF experience
 - Operating under field conditions
 - Digital communications
 - Repeater maintenance
 - First aid/CPR training
 - Other hobbies/Skills
 - snowmobiling
 - licensed pilot
 - camping & hiking
 - computer skills
 - electronic repair