ANGELINA COUNTY ARES STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

ARES operations during special events and emergency incidents will use emergency operations protocols.

We use the following procedures:

1. We operate using Emergency Communications Principles as outlined in ARES documents. This includes only transmitting event or incident related traffic during special events or incident operations.

2. During special events, we will pause between transmissions to allow for routine traffic by other repeater users. During emergency incidents we will pause to allow other higher priority emergency traffic.

3. Net Control Stations (NCSs) will periodically, approximately every half hour, announce that a repeater or frequency is in use by ARES in support of the (_____) special event or incident. The NCS station is (_____).

4. When an incident occurs that requires ARES support, members will check it to the initial Resource Net on 146.940 to list their availability. The NCS will keep a log of stations and their availability.

5. An Operational Net will be established to directly support emergency operations. The Operational Net frequency will depend upon the details of the incident and may simply take over from the initial Resource Net.

6. Tactical call signs will be designated and used to assist in identifying the individual operating locations. Amateur call signs will be given at least every 10 minutes and at the end of operations. Examples—Incident Command Post (ICP), Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Staging Area, Shelter 1, Evacuation Location 3, etc.

7. During emergency incidents, members will not self respond, but only respond when formally assigned by ARES/Emergency Management personnel.

8. When members respond to a designated location they will report to the person in charge and identify themselves as ARES emergency communicators assigned to assist the communications needs of incident management personnel.

9. For lengthy incidents, operational periods will be established and are typically 12 hours in duration. members will normally be assigned corresponding to these operational periods.

10. If an ARES member responding to an incident has difficulty passing through a road block, they should contact the NCS or EOC operator to assist them. EOC personnel can contact the appropriate law enforcement person to assist in advising the officer or deputy of the legitimacy of the ARES person in question.