

CLARK COUNTY ARES/RACES OPERATING AID
TAB 6 – CURRENT OPERATION INFORMATION

Simulated Emergency Test – 2021

Date: Saturday, 30 October 2021

Mission Number: 21-T-1181

Time: 9:00 AM

Exercise Title: ESF #1 Support

Exercise Scenario:

A major earthquake in the Cascadia Subduction Zone has caused moderately heavy damage in Clark County. The Southwest Region of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is requesting support from Clark County ARES/RACES to establish backup communications at their local facilities and to inspect local bridges and other infrastructure for damage.

Activation Methods:

- The EC will notify Team Leaders via SMS and by radio on CLRK 2A.
- Team Leaders will then notify team members using whichever method best enhances overall team preparedness.

Deployment Locations:

WSDOT maintenance facilities and state highway bridges as assigned by the EC as part of exercise play. Because of COVID-19 precautions, all response locations will be outside of served-agency and other venues.

Objectives:

1. Throughout the exercise, members demonstrate the utmost in personal safety when they are near vehicle traffic along roadways.
2. Throughout the exercise, members follow state-mandated face mask and social distancing requirements.
3. As dispatched during the exercise, members promptly visit their assigned location(s), send the provided messages to their Team Leader or other location(s) specified, and receive exercise messages directed to their location.
4. During the exercise, Team Leaders effectively manage deployments of their team members and relay reports from team members as necessary.
5. As the exercise draws to a close, Team Leaders confirm that all team assets are accounted for and report this information to the Emergency Coordinator.

Ground Truth:

1. Shaking has caused damage to many bridges, overpasses, and road surfaces.
2. Trees and power lines are down across roadways.
3. Electricity is out.
4. The CLRK 25, CLRK 30, CLRK 31, CLRK 37, CLRK 42, and CLRK 43 repeaters are not operational.
5. Moderate intensity aftershocks are expected.

Operations:

- The Net Control Station (NCS) will operate on CLRK 2.
(*Operating Aid, Tab 7, Attachment A*)
- Team Leader tasks:
 - *At the beginning of the exercise:*
 - Upon being contacted by the EC, notify team members using whichever method best enhances overall team preparedness.
 - Record selected information from the EC on a blank ICS-205 form.
 - *During the exercise:*
 - Deploy with the team if necessary. Establish and maintain voice communications with all team members on a team simplex frequency or non-NCS repeater listed on the ICS-205. (*Operating Aid, Tab 7, Attachment A*)
 - *After the exercise:*
 - Complete a Form EMD-078 time and mileage report for the team and send it to the EC by Tuesday, November 2, 2021.
(*Operating Aid, Tab 10, Attachment A*)
 - Ensure that all team members submit an After Action Report for the exercise and forward those to the EC by Friday, November 5, 2021.
(*Operating Aid, Tab 12, Attachment A*)
- Member tasks:
 - *At the beginning of the exercise:*
 - Check in via the radio with your Team Leader.
 - Record selected information from the EC on a blank ICS-205 form.
 - *During the exercise:*
 - Wear your orange vest whenever you are outside of a vehicle.
 - Maintain voice communications with your Team Leader on a team simplex frequency or non-NCS repeater listed on the ICS-205.
 - Deploy as directed. As much as possible, avoid traveling over bridges and overpasses, or under overpasses.
 - Bridges with RED tags have been inspected and are closed, bridges with GREEN tags have been inspected and are open, and bridges with NO tags have yet to be inspected.
 - Send and receive messages (resource requests and incident updates to/from WSDOT maintenance facilities, bridge reports from state bridges, etc.).
 - *After the exercise:*
 - Complete an After Action Report. (*Operating Aid, Tab 12, Attachment A*)
 - Send your completed AAR to your Team Leader by Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Hot Wash:

At the end of the exercise, all members should participate in an on-the-radio “hot wash” (exercise debriefing, other feedback) which will be conducted by the EC on CLRK 2.