



ACTIVATION PLAN

Dane County ARES/RACES Emergency Response Plan

Activation is typically initiated by Dane County Emergency Management or the Southwest ARES District Emergency Coordinator who will notify the Dane County ARES Activation Team. Dane County ARES may also be self-activated by any member of the activation team. The Activation Team consists of the Emergency Coordinator and Assistant Emergency Coordinators. If the Activation Team has not responded and an ARES response is needed, the District and Section ARES leadership should be notified.

The Activation Team will perform the following actions:

1. Initiate a resource net using one of the frequencies below, listed in order of preference:
 - A. 147.150 MHz (+) PL 123 (Madison, MARA repeater)
 - B. 145.370 MHz (-) PL 123 (Madison, Empire repeater)
 - C. 146.685 MHz (-) PL 123 (Madison, BARS repeater)
 - D. 146.760 MHz (-) PL 123 (Madison, MARA repeater)
 - E. 146.535 MHz simplex
 - F. 146.580 MHz simplex
 - G. 446.025 MHz simplex

Reference frequencies:

- 3.9775 MHz LSB -- Wisconsin ARES/RACES Net (primary)
 - 7.250 MHz LSB -- Wisconsin ARES/RACES Net (as conditions warrant)
 - 3.985 MHz LSB -- Badger Emergency Net
 - 443.900 MHz (+) PL 100 -- Baraboo, W.I.N. repeater
2. Ensure that one of the official Dane County ARES EOC radio room operators is responding to the radio room unless the room is already staffed and staff there positively indicates that no one else should respond.
 3. Initiate staffing of the Dane County hospital radio stations.
 4. Determine who else will be needed to respond.
 5. Determine how to best to contact additional personnel i.e. pagers, telephone, telephone tree, email, long tone zero, or use participants checked into the resource net.
 6. Notify the District Emergency Coordinator and Section Manager that Dane County ARES has been activated.

Members of Dane County ARES should check into and listen to the resource net for further instructions. Only members who have checked into the net will be recognized as participating in the response. The presence of a resource net will be periodically announced on higher priority frequencies to notify members who have not otherwise received notification.

If a member of Dane County ARES thinks something is wrong, listen to your radio. If you hear nothing, feel free to ask if a net has been established or to see if other people are also listening. Maybe they have the same situation as you. Use this early period to prepare yourself for a response if one is needed.