SANTA CLARA COUNTY ARES/RACES ACTIVATION LEVELS

Level	Conditions	Method of Notification	Ham Response
Advisory	A storm, city event, or other conditions that <i>may</i> develop into a situation requiring RACES response.	 An <i>ADVISORY</i> Notification message is placed on the Santa Clara County ARES/RACES web site and updated as necessary. An e-mail message is sent to the scc-ec e-mail group, and to the Santa Clara County MAC notification group. 	ARES/RACES hams should review their equipment - no other action is required.
Alert	A city has activated their RACES group in anticipation of a condition that may develop into a situation requiring RACES response.	 An <i>ALERT</i> Notification message is placed on the Santa Clara County ARES/RACES web site and updated as necessary. An e-mail is sent to the scc-ec email group, and to the Santa Clara County MAC notification group. Text messages are sent to those on the SCC text notification list This <i>ALERT</i> notification is announced hourly on the 146.115 repeater. 	 Review equipment and be ready for dispatch Monitor the 146.115 repeater, and the Santa Clara County ARES/RACES web site for updates. Hams are to be aware that they may be called in response to changing conditions
Staging	A city dispatches city hams as RACES responders, or a city or agency notifies Santa Clara County OES that there may be a need for RACES mutual aid.	 A STAGING Notification message is placed on the Santa Clara County ARES/RACES web site and updated as necessary. An e-mail is sent to the scc-ec e-mail group, and to the Santa Clara County MAC notification group. Text messages are sent to those on the SCC text notification list This STAGING notification is announced every half-hour on the 146.115 repeater. 	 Be ready to respond within fifteen minutes of notification of RACES activation. MACs should contact their city ECs to announce their availability, obtain approval for their response, and have their equipment and vehicle ready. Announcements are made on the 146.115 repeater at 15 minute intervals updating information as it becomes available. <u>NOTE</u>: DO NOT DO ANY TRAVELING in response to this notification until an actual Santa Clara County RACES activation announcement is made and the MAC is given a specific assignment by the Resource Net Control.
RACES Activation	A city or other agency requests RACES mutual aid from Santa Clara County OES, prompting an activation of Santa Clara County RACES.	 A RACES ACTIVATION Notification message is placed on the Santa Clara County ARES/RACES web site and updated as necessary. An e-mail is sent to the scc-ec e-mail group, and to the Santa Clara County MAC notification group. Text messages are sent to those on the SCC text notification list This RACES ACTIVATION notification is announced every FIFTEEN MINUTES on the 146.115 repeater. 	 The Santa Clara County ARES/RACES Resource Net is activated, and MAC's will obtain assignments from the Resource Net control as the situation dictates. Remember, in order to respond to the county activation: You must contact your city EC (or AEC) for permission to respond to the county activation. There may be a need for you in the city. You must be registered as a Santa Clara County OES as a MAC and Disaster Service Worker. You must be given an assignment that you have been trained for and you believe is safe for you. You must be given the RACES activation number. You must keep you dispatcher informed of your location at all times.