

MCARES Emergency Activation Levels

(GREEN) LEVEL ZERO – No Emergency: Normal everyday operations. No emergency or precipitating conditions exist.

(YELLOW) LEVEL ONE – Awareness/Monitoring Phase: A potential for a communication emergency exists. All Monroe County ARES members should monitor local repeaters, text messaging, and email for information. MCARES members should start preliminary preparedness actions for activation and possible deployment.

(Check “Go Kits” and supplies, charge batteries, fuel vehicles)

(ORANGE) LEVEL TWO – Standby: An unusual condition or emergency exists that has caused government officials to declare an alert or warning. A communications emergency does not exist but is likely. Monroe County ARES may initiate a resource net. All members should monitor the 146.865 repeater. ARES Members should make all final preparations for possible activation. Members who are available should check into the resource net and state their availability and resources. When feasible, the resource net control will communicate and accept check-ins via email and text messaging (such as those at work) as well as those on the radio.

(RED) LEVEL THREE - Activation: -- A communication emergency exists, and volunteer operators and radio resources have been requested by one or more served agencies in Monroe County, or a mutual aid request has been received from another county. If a resource net has not been activated (see level two, above), one will be activated now. Once available resources have been determined, further instructions will be given on the resource net frequency; one or more other nets may be activated to give instructions for deployment and for field operations.

(BLUE) LEVEL FOUR – Deactivation: -- After the Emergency has terminated ARES members are released by served agencies and the EC. After all stations are secured and safely home, the EC will return the readiness level to Condition Green. AEC's and EC will conduct an after action review within 72 hours of event termination. EC will prepare and submit after action reports.