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WEDNESDAY CENTRAL TIME UNTIL THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY IS ENDED. ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS
ARE ASKED TO MONITOR THIS BROADCAST FOR
INFORMATION CONCERNING AMATEUR RADIO
OPERATIONS.
• NORTH TEXAS ARES STATUS: ALL ARES UNITS SHOULD ALREADY BE ON STANDBY. DISTRICT AND LOCAL EMERGENCY COORDINATORS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO COMMUNICATE THE STANDBY STATUS AND VALIDATE MULTIPLE CONTACT METHODS WITH THEIR TEAMS

• DECS/ECS SHOULD ALSO HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH AGENCIES WITH WHOM THEY ALREADY HAVE A RELATIONSHIP TO INDICATE READINESS
• EMERGENCY COORDINATORS ARE ASKED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH TEAM MEMBERS AND VERIFY MEMBER READINESS AND HEALTH AT A MINIMUM OF A WEEKLY BASIS.

• UPDATED ICS-217S (COMMUNICATIONS FREQUENCIES LISTING) AND REPEATER NODE/NETWORK INFORMATION IS REQUESTED. THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO REGISTERED USERS ON THE WEBSITE AND GROUPS.IO
• MOST COUNTIES IN THE NORTH TEXAS SECTION WERE UNDER STATES OF EMERGENCY AS OF THIS MORNING.

• SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER IS IN EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE DALLAS FORT WORTH METROPLEX. ARES AND RACES LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO VISIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERNET SITES TO DETERMINE CURRENT ORDERS TO ENSURE YOU ARE IN COMPLIANCE.
• TRAVEL FROM LOUISIANA REQUIRES 14 DAY QUARANTINE WITH EXCEPTIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDER / COMMERCIAL / MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

• ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ARE ASKED TO COMPLY WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVES AND ORDERS

• IF TRAVELING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVES AND ORDERS APPLY FOR THE LOCATION YOU ARE IN. THAT MEANS IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA THAT DOES NOT HAVE A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER ESTABLISHED, BUT YOU INTEND TO DRIVE INTO AN AREA THAT DOES, YOU SHOULD COMPLY WITH THAT ORDER AND NOT ENTER THAT AREA.
THE RESTRICTIONS VARY FROM JURISDICTION TO JURISDICTION. YOU WILL NEED TO CHECK THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIVES AND HOW THEY APPLY TO YOU.

PER TEXAS GOVERNOR ABBOT’S EXECUTIVE ORDER, ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ARE ASKED TO MINIMIZE ALL NON-ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS AND IN-PERSON CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD. EXCEPTIONS BASED ON DHS GUIDELINES ON ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKFORCE
• AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ARE URGED TO MAINTAIN READINESS.

• OTHER EVENTS WILL OCCUR DURING THIS NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND MAY REQUIRE ARES AND RACES SUPPORT.

• MARGINAL TO SLIGHT RISK FOR SEVERE WEATHER IN SECTION FOR DAYS 2 TO 3
• ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS MUST COMPLY WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDERS. IF UNDER SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, STORM SPOTTERS ARE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ONLY IF LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED STORM SPOTTERS AS ESSENTIAL AND ALLOWED TO TRAVEL.

• OTHERWISE IF NO OFFICIAL POLICY FROM A LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL IS COMMUNICATED, STORM REPORTING IS ONLY AUTHORIZED FROM YOUR DESIGNATED SHELTER IN PLACE LOCATION
• IN SOME COUNTIES, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT SKYWARN IS CONSIDERED AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE. MOBILE SPOTTING IS AUTHORIZED WHILE COMPLYING WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SANITARY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CDC

• OTHER COUNTIES, OFFICIALS HAVE AUTHORIZED ONLY SPECIFIC OR CREDENTIALED MOBILE SPOTTERS
• IF YOU ARE MOBILE STORM SPOTTING AND YOU ARE STOPPED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THEIR DIRECTIONS. DO NOT ARGUE WITH THE OFFICER. IF YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH DOCUMENTATION FROM A LOCAL OFFICIAL, PRESENT THAT TO THE OFFICER. IF DIRECTED BY THE OFFICER TO RETURN TO YOUR HOME OR WORK, COMPLY WITH THAT DIRECTIVE.

• NOTE THAT AT THIS TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT IS NOT STOPPING PEOPLE JUST FOR DRIVING IN A PUBLIC AREA.
• AS ALWAYS, SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT. THINK OF NOT JUST YOURSELF, BUT YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR COMMUNITY

• SKYWARN NCSs OR SKYWARN NET MANAGERS ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE REPORTABLE WEATHER EVENTS VIA OTHER METHODS AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED IF NWS FIELD OFFICE RADIO OPERATORS ARE UNREACHABLE.
- COMMUNICATIONS. AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ARE ASKED TO CHECK ON THEIR FELLOW OPERATORS, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. EXERCISE RADIO EQUIPMENT WHENEVER POSSIBLE. CONDUCT IMPROMPTU NETS. WE NEED TO COMMUNICATE NOW MORE THAN EVER.

- TRY CHECKING INTO WINLINK WEDNESDAY NET

- MAKE COMMUNICATING AN ENTERTAINING GAME; REMEMBER THAT A CONVERSATION OR SIMPLY SAYING HELLO TO SOMEONE ON THE RADIO CAN BE A GREAT BOOST TO MORALE
ITEM 7: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE ON CORONAVIRUS.GOV, CDC.GOV AND ARRLNTX SITES VIA FACEBOOK, ARRLNTX.ORG AND GROUPS.IO

TRUTH IN INFORMATION IS CRITICAL. THE US IS BEING ACTIVELY TARGETED BY HACKERS USING EMAIL, PHISHING, SOCIAL ENGINEERING AND FAKE NEWS. TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN READING EMAILS (EVEN FROM KNOWN SOURCES), REPLYING/SENDING TEXTS OR VISITING INTERNET SITES.
• CONCLUSION: ARES / RACES MEMBERS MAY BE ASKED TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS THAT ARE NOT COMMUNICATION RELATED TASKS. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO GET THROUGH THIS NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND WORK WITH OUR PARTNER AGENCIES.

• ARES AND RACES MEMBERS MAY BE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER TO PERFORM WELFARE CHECKS, DELIVER FOOD AND SUPPLIES. IF YOU CAN DO SAFELY, DO IT.

• THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS ASKING FOR BLOOD DONATIONS, BUT PLEASE SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
• IF YOU HAVE PPE SUCH AS GLOVES, N-95 MASKS, GOGGLES, ETC MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THEM WITH YOU WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER

• PLEASE PUT POLITICS AND EGOS ASIDE. WE MUST ACT AS PROFESSIONALS AND WORK WITH EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS EMERGENCY. THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH OF US WHEN IT REALLY GETS BAD.

• REMEMBER YOU ARE SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY INCLUDING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOR.
• VISIT ARRLNTX.ORG WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFO
• STAY PREPARED, STAY READY, STAY SAFE
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