

Stake Disaster Communication Plan

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Keep in mind that a disaster is not a church function, but a secular incident in which the Priesthood can help out

Part 1 : The disaster is in the future, and you have ample time to prepare

Your primary communication methods are, first, smartphone (text if you can, call if you have to), second, amateur radio, and third, runners; training using FRS, GMRS, MURS, or CB radio is good, while encouraging members to become licensed amateurs

1. The Stake President designates a High Councilor to call a Stake Emergency Preparedness Specialist (SEPS) or Stake Emergency Communication Specialist (SECS)
2. The Stake empowers the SEPS or SECS to
 - a. Obtain an assistant
 - b. Shadow the Stake President during an actual disaster
 - c. Train each Ward Emergency Preparedness Specialist (WEPS)
 - d. Encourage and teach family preparedness for home storage and other essentials
 - e. Encourage member amateur radio licensing
 - f. Re-assess the stake disaster communication readiness quarterly
 - g. Set up and operate a weekly amateur radio net using the **stake / area frequency**
 - h. Collect names and phone numbers of amateur radio operators who can assist in the future
 - i. Organize a network of runners to travel between ward and stake buildings by foot, pedal, or motor vehicle
3. Stake leaders should store on their phones the numbers for other stake leaders and Bishops
4. Each Bishop calls and empowers a WEPS to
 - a. Assign an assistant
 - b. Shadow the Bishop during an actual disaster
 - c. Assign and train Block Captains
 - d. Encourage and teach family preparedness for home storage and other essentials
 - e. Encourage member amateur radio licensing
5. Ward leaders should store on their phones the numbers for stake leaders and other ward leaders, especially the Elders Quorum President
6. Each WEPS trains Block Captains to
 - a. Know how to communicate member information
 - b. Actively inquire at each home
7. Each SEPS, SECS, and WEPS should collect a list of skill sets available among stake members

*Each SEPS, SECS, and WEPS should be a licensed amateur, and if he or she is not, should assign a radio role to an assistant who **is** a licensed amateur*

Part 2 : The disaster is upon us, and you have little or no time to prepare

The first priority for each person is to ensure the safety and well-being of his or her family before engaging in any of the following

1. The Stake President activates this plan through the High Councilors and Bishops
2. High Councilors and Bishops activate this plan, whether or not the Stake President has activated it
3. The SEPS or SECS activates this plan, whether or not the other stake leaders have activated it, plus
 - a. Grab a couple of bottles of water
 - b. Shadow the Stake President
 - c. Initiate an amateur radio net on the **stake / area frequency** and invite check-ins and emergency traffic
 - d. Contact the Area Authority, the city, and ARES
 - e. If the SEPS or SECS could not both shadow and operate the net, the assistant should run the net
 - f. Locate others who can assist during a prolonged incident
4. A Bishopric Counselor or Elders Quorum President activates this plan, whether or not the Bishop has activated it
5. The WEPS activates this plan, whether or not the other ward leaders have activated it, and
 - a. Grab a couple bottles of water
 - b. Shadow the Bishop
 - c. Check into the stake / area net
 - d. Reach out to all Block Captains
 - e. Provide the Bishop and Elders Quorum President the list of member skill sets
6. Each Block Captain checks in with the WEPS by any reasonable means, and provides block resident information, regardless of religious affiliation, on
 - a. Location / whereabouts
 - b. Health, mental stability, and disability
 - c. Shelter needs
 - d. Animal concerns
7. The SEPS, SECS, and WEPS should inform others where to turn for information upon request
 - a. KSL (radio and TV)
 - b. Weather channel (radio and TV)
 - c. Social media
8. The SEPS, SECS, and WEPS should maintain open communication until the leadership determines otherwise