

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ADVISORY 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ALERT 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 ALERT notification is announced hourly on the 146.115 repeater. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>NOTE: 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.</p>
RACES Activation	A city or other agency requests RACES mutual aid from Santa Clara County OES, prompting an activation of Santa Clara County RACES.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>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.</p> <p>Remember, in order to respond to the county activation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.