Appendix 1 - RACES Alerting System

Alert Methods
Members may be alerted several ways. The primary method is through the Cochise County System called Alert Sense.
The secondary method is a call on either of the two primary VHF repeaters (147.02 or 146.76) located on Mule Mountain
The third method is by physically using a calling tree to go to the individual operator homes to notify them of a callout.

Levels of Alert
We have identified three levels of alert. Those are described below. The first column lists the code. The second column lists the Phase or level of ALERT. The third column indicates the tasks to be performed and step-by-step instructions for that level of ALERT.

Level I ALERT	From Home Station, City Officers should insure that there is at least one station in your city area in radio contact with Cochise County RACES Net NCS. This is basically a standby configuration indicating that there is a situation developing that could require our services and that we are awaiting further assignment. An example might be a severe weather warning or pending Search and Rescue assignment.
Level II ALERT	From Home Station/or Deployed, All available operators should activate and monitor the County Net and receive assignments. We have been notified that a mission has been called and specific assignments are being sorted out. Members may receive assignment at any time and be deployed. One example is that we have been asked to deploy the MCU for a SAR mission but no other assistance may be required at the time.
Level III ALERT	A major disaster has occurred and activation is imperative. RACES has now been fully activated. Members with designated Blue Eagle Assignments should deploy. Other available stations should standby on the County RACES Net for additional assignments.

State Communicator Alert System

The Alerting system uses codes that are closely related to the alert levels as well as some additional information. This system uses a combination of "Voice", "Text", and "E-Mail" messaging. When activated, the alert system generally will display the operative frequency to report to as well as appropriate code. You may get phone call or a text advising you of the situation.

Current codes are as follows:
- 100 – Level 1 Alert
- 111 – Severe Weather Alert, Activate Skywarn Net.
- 200 – Level 2 Alert
- 300 – Level 3 Alert
- 555 - A Search and Rescue Mission has been called. If you are available, please come up on the designated frequency for additional information or assignment.
- 611 - RACES Test Page
- 777 - Stand Down – The declared alert is cancelled. Carry out termination procedures.
- 911 – A major disaster has occurred, all available operators should tune to 147.02 for further information

Here are some sample text message displays:
"147-02-555" means that a SAR mission has been called and all available operators should log on to the 147.02 frequency for further information.
"146-76-111" means that a weather alert has been called. Tune to 146.76 for additional information.
"147-02-611" means this is a test page, Tune to the 147.02 repeater for additional information. Usually sent prior to training nets or simply as a test of the system
"147-02-300" means a major incident or disaster has occurred. If you have a Blue Eagle assignment, please proceed to that assignment and monitor 147.02 for additional information. All other available operators should also tune to the 147.02 frequency and await further assignment.
"777" means you may stand down all operations. Notify any one on standby the mission is terminated.

Blue Eagle Assignments

The Blue Eagle designator applies to predesignated RACES operator assignments. The name came from the RACES logo and was adopted from the Y2K operation conducted New Years Eve 1999. For some types of alerts such as a Level 300 alert, personnel with a Blue Eagle assignment will report directly to the predesignated location without any need for additional instruction. They will activate the radios at those locations and come up on the designated RACES channel. Many Blue Eagle assignments are equipped with radios and antennas and only lack operators. Other

locations require that the operator bring their own equipment. Those marked with an asterisk are equipped with radio(s) and antenna(s).

Primary Blue Eagle Assignments (As of: 3/14/2018)

Location	Planned Assignments/ Manning
*Benson Hospital	Scott Mead KE7EJQ, Mike McNeill AD7HZ
*Bisbee County EOC (NCS)	Bill McNab N7BIL
*Bisbee CQ Hosp	Fred Brown K7LGN
Douglas Emerg. Department	Barb Heck KD7YOZ / Dennis McAvoy KE7KRE
*Fort Huachuca MARS	Duty Operator
*SV MCU -	Dan Long, KB0VIU, Jackie Tregre KD8M
*SV PD -	Juanita Portz KK7WA, Mike Bales KC7GTY,
*SV PD Mobile EOC	Charles Morris N7DQS, Peggy Morris, KC7LCE
*SV Canyon Vista Medical Ctr	Neil Gara, KG7IHO, Carol Jelinek KG7ITC
*SV Green Acres HF Site – Primary Net Control	TBD
*Willcox – Northern Community Hospital	Kurt Edelman KF7PDV, Byron McCabe AA7BM

All other members are considered to be on the standby list. Members can request assignment/reassignment to other locations or ask to be placed on the standby list by making the request to the appropriate City Officer.