Appendix 1 - RACES Alerting System

Alert Methods
Members may be alerted several ways. Many times the primary method is a call on either of the two primary VHF repeaters (147.02 or 146.76) located on Mule Mountain.

The second way is through the pager system. Some RACES members have opted to be included in this callout method. More information on this in a moment.

The third way is through the telephonic callout. Again, some members have volunteered to assist in a telephonic calling tree to alert members.

The fourth 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.

100	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.
200	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 ERV for a SAR mission but no other assistance may be required at the time..
300	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.

Pager System
The pager system uses codes that are closely related to the alert levels as well as some additional information. When activated, the pager generally will display the operative frequency to report to as well as appropriate code.

Current Pager 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 pager 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 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.

To be included in the group with an assigned pager, make a request through the County RACES Officer to arrange for one. The funding for this system works like this. A basic pager costs $1.50 per month or $15.00 for a year. Individuals desiring their own pager number assigned as well as the RACES call out may purchase a pager at AZ Paging/ Computer Corner in Sierra Vista. The pager will respond then to your personal number as well as the RACES emergency call out system. The RACES Officer is billed for the combined service. He collects the money and pays the monthly service charge.

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 and antennas.

Primary Blue Eagle Assignments (As of: 10/1/07)

Location	Planned Assignments/ Manning
Benson CCSO	As Needed
*Benson Hospital	Mike Bucciarelli - N7CK, BJ Kelsey – KE7HFA
*Bisbee CCSO (NCS)	Ev Wittig WB7VNF, Ranny Burke KE5DJ, Pablo Duarte KE7FPP
*Bisbee CQ Hosp	As Needed
Douglas CCSO	Barbara Heck KD7YOZ, Aaron Mendle KD7YOY
*Douglas SEAMC Hosp	As Needed
Elfrida Fire /SO Substation	Dave Isaak N4PDR,
*Fort Huachuca MARS	Duty Operator
*Fort Huachuca Med Center	Dick Mitterlehner K7MIT, Rob Cass, AC7XA
Huachuca City PD/Fire	As Needed
Palominas Fire	Bill McNab N7BIL
Sunsites/Pearce Fire -	Don Bezek KB7RWV
SV MCU -	Bob Hollister N7INK, Dale Chidester NJ7C
SV CCSO (A/NCS) -	As Needed
SV DPS Office -	Sgt Vince Fero AA7JB,
*SV PD -	Juanita Portz KK7WA, Paul Angelo KD7TDL, Floyd Sharp W7LPJ
*SV PD Mobile EOC	As Needed
*SV Red Cross	Charles Campbell – K4AFN, Grant Hays – WB6OTS
*SV Regional Hosp -	Bob Rice K7HVV, Mike Arnold N7ZGO,
SV Fry Fire # 2	As Needed
SV Fry Fire # 3	As Needed
*SV Green Acres HF Site	Rich Hotchkiss KB7RDG, Pete LaCount W8UXD,
Tombstone Marshal/Fire	Richard Homer KB7QLH,
Willcox CCSO/*Hospital	Dave Walters KD7BOV, James Walden KB6TAL

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.