APPENDIX 2
RACES Periodic Communications System Tests

The communications and paging system is normally tested on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at approximately 19:55 prior to the bimonthly training nets. Those nets are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 20:00 Hrs. If you have a RACES pager and do not receive this test, check your battery. If the battery is good and the pager was on, notify the RACES Net Control Station.

ADDITIONAL SYSTEMS TESTS
Additional systems tests and callouts may occur at other times of the year simply to exercise the system. Because disasters can strike at any time, we should also be prepared to respond at any time. The following guidelines are designed to make these system tests a smooth functioning training operation. Please note that most of the concepts are applicable for an emergency response operation. Periodically review this RACES Manual. Keep in mind that our Amateur Operator's flexibility and versatility are two of our greatest assets.

DURING THE TESTS
Upon receiving the level one alert, the following will occur:

A. All staff (ECs) will contact the County RO or the acting NCS on one of the primary frequencies (usually 147.02) and advise who your city/area primary contact will be.

B. All Emergency Coordinators should conduct a roll call of active members for their area. The NCS or designated alternate NCS should record conditions and the number of members that respond to the net on a net-log.

C. All Operators are to report operating conditions and availability status. This report should include your callsign, city, and if mobile, your location using street and nearest cross street. Sample Message: "KB7RDG, Sierra Vista, Mobile, Intersection of Hwy 90/92, Available for assignment (or not)."

D. If for any reason your station must shut down during a test or incident, **NOTIFY NET CONTROL**. Your station will be logged out of service if you do not answer calls.

E. The NCS will release all stations on completion of the test.
After the test/net, complete the net-log and forward a copy to the County RACES Officer.