

Alert and Readiness Condition Definitions -
Courtesy of South West Harris County ARES Unit.

Most natural occurring emergencies follow some sort of recognizable build-up period during which time frame actions can be taken to achieve a state of maximum readiness. These readiness conditions are used as a method of increasing the alert posture of Harris County ARES.

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Condition Four - Awareness - No immediate threat to life or property

A Condition 4 situation suggests that a higher level of readiness is required. This condition could be triggered by possibility of a weather watch or increased fire threat because of drought conditions. It could also be invoked when there is some potential possibility of civil disruption or terrorism threat.

All members should review Paragraph 3 - Activation of the Emergency Plan(s)

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Condition Three - Caution - Conditions may deteriorate to a more hazardous situation May be triggered by a weather "Watch" condition or the move by Harris County Transtar to a Level 3 Condition.

Severe weather conditions might include a Hurricane Watch, high winds in excess of 50 mph, high water, flash flood, tornado, winter storm or conditions in adjacent or nearby counties that could escalate and trigger a mutual aid request.

Monitor the bulletin repeater (147.000 + pl. 103.5) - check your eMail and be ready to respond to a net check-in and roll call. Take steps to secure the welfare of yourself and your family - Be prepared.

Follow the instructions in Activation of the Emergency Plan and review Paragraph 4 - Mobilization Procedure(s).

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Condition Two - Alert - Hazardous weather is observed or imminent. Increased possibility of civil disobedience or terrorism. May be triggered by a severe weather warning or the move by Harris County Transtar to a Level 2 Condition.

Weather warnings would include high winds in excess of 60 mph, high water, flash flood, tornado, winter storm or conditions in adjacent or nearby counties when the EC has been advised that there may be a mutual aid request from District 14.

Monitor the bulletin repeater (147.000 + pl. 103.5) and our local unit net frequencies - check your eMail and be ready to respond to a net check-in and roll call. Your family comes first. Be Prepared. Expect the unexpected.

Follow the instructions in the Unit Emergency Plan.

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Condition One - Alert - Imminent Danger - Triggered by civil disobedience, terrorism or a severe weather event affecting Harris County Texas - Extremely high winds approaching Hurricane Category 1 status - Tornado sightings or actual touchdown. Actual flooding

This is the highest alert level - All possible preparations have been made and all members are at the ready and standing by for instructions. The automatic alert system has been activated. The telephone tree and eMail activation systems have also been activated.

All assigned personnel teams have been activated and are either enroute or at their assigned positions in standby making any final preparations.

The Tactical and Resource Nets have been activated.
Harris County Transtar is on Level 1 Alert status.

"When all else fails -- Amateur Radio works"