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Emergency communication information and options



Agenda

- Introduction & What is Likely to occur in our area(s)
- Where can we find information and help?
- Websites and information – resources
- Summary



Introduction – what are we likely to encounter – what is likely to occur?

- South County – Fires, floods, snow, wind general weather – lightning storms that can induce – power issues and light fires – power outages, comms outages i.e. frontier – Verizon backhaul outages
- AT&T and T-Mobile are coming to the white mountains aggressively
- North County – power, wind, communications outages – i.e. frontier – Verizon – railroad derailments or other rail hazmat issues. Vehicle and Brush fires - I40 & general truck hazmat incidents.
- SAR activities in all of the white mountains – a lost person could use HAM-GMRS or FRS frequencies to call for help if no phone service
- Education – take advantage of Skywarn, FEMA and other educational opportunities
- What is needed 95+% of the time? Be a good witness – what is happening or what happened? Who, what, when, where, status, direction of travel, injuries, take good directions – instructions. Don't get mechanically involved – that just adds problems. Be a good follower.

Resources and How can we add value?

- Ready-Set-Go: it's a good thing to be signed up for this
- GMRS and Ham communications – Mobiles set up as base stations with battery-UPS, Power supplies and vehicular radios. Monitor a lot for emergency communications. Portables as needed with better antennas if possible. HF mobile and fixed.
- Navajo Link is making steady positive forward motion to cover large parts of Navajo and into some of surrounding counties
- Know non-emergency numbers for SLPD 928-537-6957 and NCSO 928-524-4050 and if you are in another area know your PSAP number i.e. ACSO or what have you.
- Battery back up – generators and solar power are all great Ideas – grid is fragile here.

Resources and How can we add value?

- Reliable internet – starlink works when other services don't – otherwise you can't communicate that way
- Bring phone charging systems – power packs, plug in chargers for generator and DC power – lighter plugs – inverters
- <https://www.nifc.gov/> National Interagency Fire Center
- Facebook – Arizona wildland fires and structure information group
- <https://www.weather.gov/fgz/>
- www.navajocountyaz.gov (you can personalize feeds)
- <https://az511.gov/map> (before driving anywhere check this first)
- Inciweb <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>
- Watch Duty <https://www.watchduty.org/> - looking for volunteers also – newer free app
- NCSO phone app allows many things – warrant tips, registering your security cameras and more
- You can text to 911 as well as audio – could be helpful in DV situations
- Skywarn - <https://www.weather.gov/crh/skywarnrecognition>

We all learn from each other

If you have a resource that would help the group let us know.

HF, GMRS and VHF-UHF nets

We are still accepting donations for Navajo link – UHF, VHF antennas, UHF radios see Dennis Mills.

Consider volunteering in county SAR

Consider becoming an SAV – for radio or as much as you want to do.



FirstNet CRD



Mini CRD at Maui fires



Thank you & Q&A?

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