

ERC-East Emergency Communications Guidelines

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In the event of an wide-spread emergency / disaster, other than a hurricane, within thirty minutes after the event the Northeast or Southeast net(s) will be activated on the published 20, 40 & 75 meter frequencies. The net(s) will remain active for a minimum of at least three hours to receive reports, pass information and both support and be a resource to welfare services and priesthood leadership. At the end of the three hour period a decision will be made as to how long the net(s) will remain active. The “normal” activity will be on the hour from 06:00 local till 23:00 local as long as needed.

In the event of a hurricane, the Northeast or Southeast net(s) will be activated once the storm is within three days of landfall each evening at 01:00 Zulu. The time of the actual net(s) and duration will be on a case-by-case basis and will be well advertised. Once a hurricane is within one day of landfall additional detailed information will be sent via e-mail to all NCSs / NMs.

During Katrina, Irene, Isaac and other events the Church has used the triangle approach for EmComm by having one or two stations in the affected area and one or two stations outside the affected area. For all future events this same methodology will be used to provide EmComm. The various legs of the triangle will be established as quickly as possible for emergencies / disasters other than hurricanes. For hurricanes they will be announced three to five days prior to landfall.

Hurricane nets will operate at 0100 UTC for the three days prior to landfall and at 1300 UTC and 1600 UTC the day of the landfall. At that point all nets will be placed in a four or six hour standby mode until needed.