

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST KEY ACTIVITIES

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1. Determine what mode(s) of communication will work most effectively among the Church leaders (stake and ward) within the stake and with local civil authorities and the nearest bishops' storehouse.
2. Establish a relationship of trust and confidence with Church leaders. Plan and exercise a way to establish contact between the leader and communications specialist under disaster conditions (no phone or cell phone service).
3. Become familiar with Church policy on local unit purchase of communication equipment, staging mock disasters, use of Church meetinghouses, etc.
4. Become familiar with the expected flow of information and requests among Church and civil authorities in response to a disaster.
5. Under the direction of the stake president (or bishop) develop an emergency communications plan for inclusion in the stake (or ward) emergency preparedness and response plan.
6. Develop a means of operating the emergency communications network without commercial electric power and under adverse conditions.
7. Develop a cadre of emergency communication specialists that can be depended on to serve should a disaster occur. Consideration should be given to the care of the operator's family in an emergency so that the operator is free to serve with limited family concerns.
8. Put together an emergency kit of communications equipment, tools, and items needed to live self-sustained for at least 3 days.
9. Prepare to respond to the needs of neighboring Church units should they be overwhelmed by a disaster. Prepare to assist your community with its emergency communication needs.
10. Develop regular communications exercises to verify function of equipment and proficiency of operators under disaster conditions.
11. Familiarize leaders with the organization and function of the emergency communications network.
12. Continue to seek knowledge of emergency communications best practices to become more proficient in your calling.
13. Constantly seek guidance from the Lord and your local Church leaders. Catch the vision of your calling. Learn the expectations of Church leaders so that you may better meet their needs.