



Santa Cruz County ARES Membership Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, June 17 at 1900; In-person at the Emergency Operations Center, 5200 Soquel Avenue

Welcome

Roberta AJ6KN

Introduction of New Members

Bob KO6XX

Upcoming Activities

All

- June 22 – 26 7am – 5:30pm each day, Perimeter Monitoring for Active Shooter Training
Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2026Active>
- June 27 – 28, Summer Field Day
- 4th of July - Aptos Parade Sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA9A822A4F4CE9-49986901-aptos>
- July 15 Membership meeting replaced by a Potluck at Skypark in Scotts Valley

Recaps of Recent Events

- Aptos Disaster Preparedness Event
- Strawberry Fields
- Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Test – Several reported liking the change in Ham Radio structure. Discussion about keeping people engaged.

K6BJ Repeater Status

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- Back in service - still not connected to K6RMW/W

Situational Awareness Tools

JoMarie KM6URE

- Cruz Aware, S.A.F.E.R., Nixle, weather radio – See Powerpoint

Discussion about Net Control Operations - Ideas?

Roberta AJ6KN

- How to enlist more member participation – See Powerpoint
- Ack 1 at a time? Call sign only? Scribes? Google Sheets scribing?
- Net control Tips from Roberta and others
 - Class and drills

Voice of the members

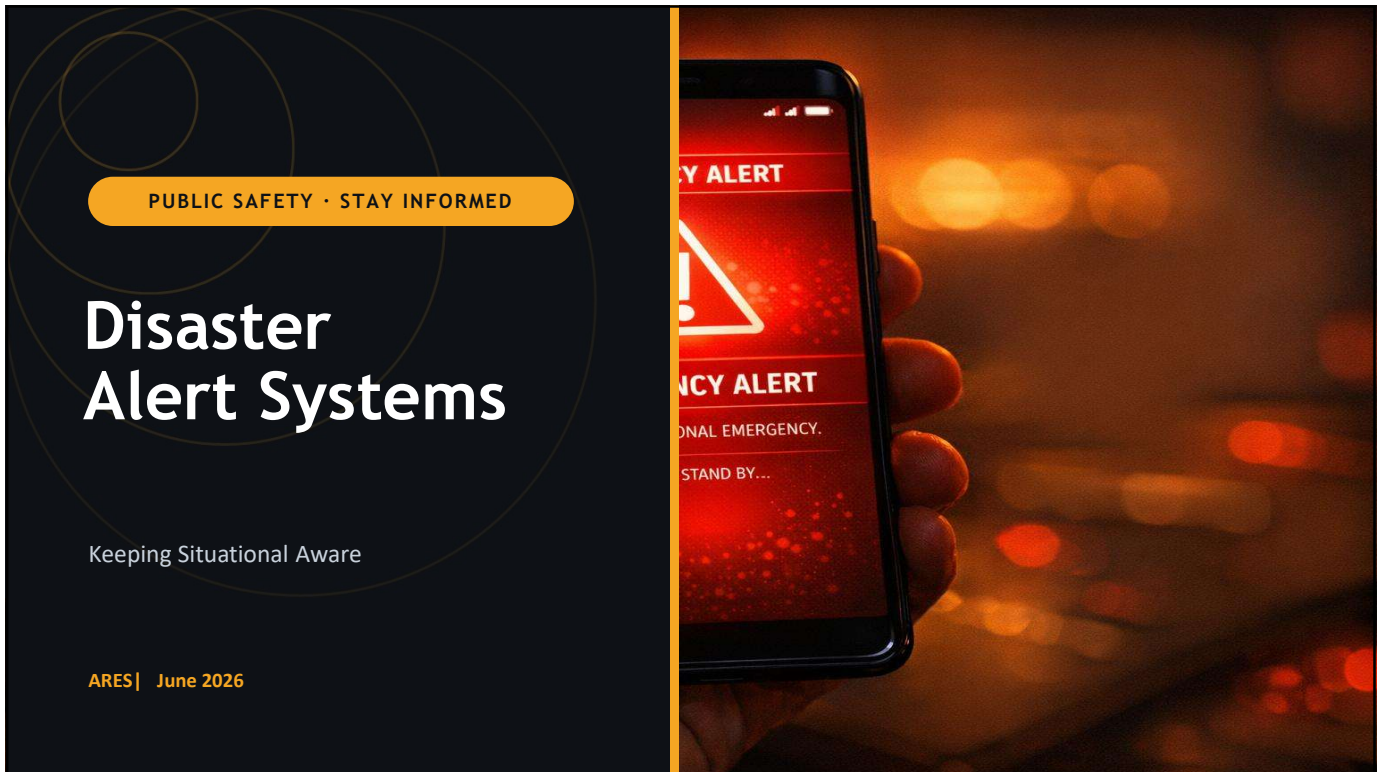
- Random topics & questions from the membership

Net Operations

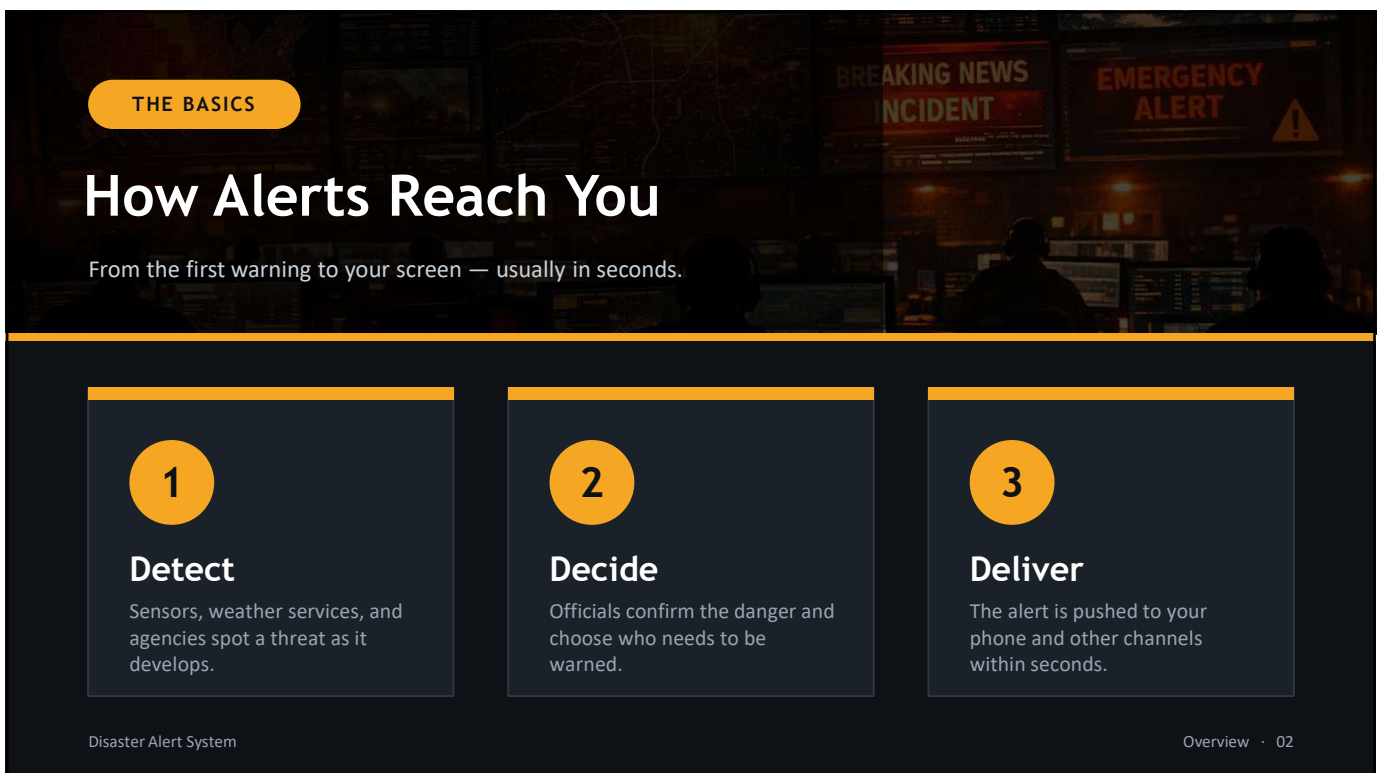
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Wed NET Date	ARES Repeater	Repeater NET Controller
Jun 24	K6BJ	Pete, KN6TYR
July 1	TBD	JoMarie, KM6URE
July 8	WR6AOK	ED, N6EMA
July 22	WR6AOK	Mike, K9VF
July 29	K6BJ	Allen, WB6AQP

Next meeting July 15th at 1800 at Skypark in Scotts Valley - POTLUCK! No theme!



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PART ONE

Know Your Alert Channels

Alerts travel through more than one path, so a warning always finds you.

Disaster Alert System

Channels · 03

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PART ONE · CHANNELS

Where You'll Get Alerts

Two ways alerts reach you most: on your mobile device and across digital channels.

Wireless Emergency Alerts

MOBILE

Pushed to your phone automatically. No app or sign-up needed.

Text & App Notifications

MOBILE

SMS and emergency app push alerts for your exact area.

Email & Web Banners

DIGITAL

Updates land in your inbox and on official websites.

Social Media

DIGITAL

Verified agency accounts post real-time updates and guidance.

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PART ONE · CHANNELS

Santa Cruz County 'managed' Alerts

Weather Radios with SAME technology

No app or sign-up needed but customizable.

CruzAware/Nixle

MOBILE/Digital

SMS and emergency app push alerts for your exact area based on your Zone. CruzAware – County; Nixle – Fire and Law agencies

Social Media

DIGITAL

Verified agency accounts post real-time updates and guidance.

S.A.F.E.R.

DIGITAL

Compilation of multiple sources for the county. One stop shop.

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PART ONE

Santa Cruz County EOC

<https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/OR3/Response/PlanandPrepare/AlertNotificationApplication.aspx>

Search Santa Cruz CruzAware

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PART TWO

When an Alert Arrives

Stay calm and follow three simple steps the moment a warning reaches you.

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Respond · 05

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PART TWO · WHAT TO DO

Read, Decide, Act

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Read the full alert

Note the hazard, the area affected, and what time it applies to you.

2

Decide your action

Shelter, evacuate, or stay tuned — follow the instructions given.

3

Act and share

Follow official guidance and check on the people around you.

Only trust alerts from official sources. Verify before you forward.

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PART THREE

Stay Ready & Connected

A few minutes today makes sure tomorrow's alert reaches you in time.

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GET READY

Sign Up & Stay Informed

- Register for your area's official emergency alerts.
- Keep alert apps installed and notifications on.
- Follow verified agencies on social media.

Stay alert. Stay safe.

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Why do we do nets?

Roberta, AJ6KN – Roberta@slvares.org
SCC ARES Net Coordinator

And what's the best way that works for YOU?

(this is an interactive presentation)

- **Obvious reasons: practice speaking, writing, listening, learning call signs**
- **For use in an emergency deployment – to organize information via ham radio**
- **What's most important for emergency nets?**
 - **#4 Proper form?**
 - **#2 Getting a person assigned to a task as quickly as possible?**
 - **#1 Understanding available resources?**
 - **#3 Minimizing repeating of critical information?**
 - **#6 Having a good social interaction?**
 - **#5 Being friendly, chatty and engaging?**

Let's rate these things . . . 1-6 in importance

Let's hear YOUR ideas about what's important . . .

Let's think outside the normal box of doing nets

Let's say we have these things available in an emergency

- **Starlink, computer, radio and antenna, large battery, printer, Shelter with walls.**
- **Two people dedicated to handling the net**

**What information do we need? Call signs? Name and locations
Right off the bat? Or only as needed?**

Paper or computer logging? Scribe and NCS or two NCS?

AI?

Ideas from the group:

Write down those you hear during simplex

Need training on How to do a relay – follow instructions from NCS (don't relay until they ask for it)

Request for a Map of a location of the repeaters (on the weekly net recap from JoMarie – she will send out just the map of repeaters

Tracking the number of hops to get to a person (how many relays)

Simplex management – sql off and volume down, really help be able to hear

Resource net – basics first; informational net more details can be entertained

Are you able to go mobile or are you now mobile?

Practice Resource net – getting most critical information first

AI – K9VF create web page, creates totals; Ed N6EMA uses Google Notebook L.C. (web based) to load radio manuals and pertinent documents and then use that to quickly figure out how to do certain things on their radio to do something.

Voice activated logging – not quite there yet?

Computer logging; easiest with foot pedal/headset; you can use a non ham for scribing by hand or computer

Let's brainstorm some alternative ways to do net control . . .

Call signs only

Location only if needed

Use a scribe or partner

If your location/antenna is a problem, meet Roberta at EOC and do there.

Let's talk about equipment – headsets, foot pedals to enable one to do computer logging

Community scribe – multiple users using google sheets