

**SHINGLETOWN EMERGENCY RADIO.  
VILLAGE - EMERGENCY RADIO OPERATIONS CENTER.**

**FORWARD FIRE – MANTON AREA. Date of Fire Start: 9/9/2022  
SER FIRE NET OPERATIONS – COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY**



Below are comments received from members of the community about the Shingletown Emergency Radio Communications Fire Net Operations which were conducted shortly after the fire started and which operations continued as the fire grew in size. The SER Fire Net Operations extended over an approximate 6 and ½ hour period, with Bullet Point summaries. It is clear that this situation could have developed into a very major threat. Thank you to our Fire Fighters and God watching over us.

**The Shingletown Emergency Radio Communications Net:**

The Emergency Radio Communications Reporting included bullet point summaries (continuing routinely at various spaced intervals for approximately 6 and ½ hours). The source of and subject of the matters reported included the following: location of the fire(s) and merging; Cal Fire Radio traffic from Redding; and Tehama; Cal Fire Tactical Radio traffic; wind directions based on camera views and wind directions based on internet wind resources; Visual Road reports as to smoke column and direction both at lower elevation and higher altitudes; flight radar reporting as to fire fighting air craft responding / over incident; reports as to size of fire and percent contained; evacuation warnings / orders issued by the respective Sheriff's Offices (Tehama and Shasta County); reports of neighborhoods observing ash falling into their areas; Brevity Fire watch reports as to any suspect smoke, fire or embers falling in neighborhoods; ground report from Wilson Hill; internet reports from other internet resources; mapping estimations as to the

distance from the fire to various parts of Shingletown, recommendations that neighborhoods relay summaries into their Area Channel 1; and more.

The SER Plan needs more Hams and Non Hams to help out. You need to merely plug into the existing system and follow the plan.

During this Net Operation, we had both Hams and Non Hams assisting on both ham and non ham frequencies. The distance between radio operators was considerable – ranging from various locations in the Shingletown Area, and extending all the way to Redding.

### **Comments from the Shingletown Community:**

Please note that in the remarks below there are many “Thank you”. All of these Thank yous” are not owing to a single person, but rather to everyone who helped out with the Emergency Net. Without the assistance of those on frequency, those providing reports and information, and those that notified neighbors, etc..., this would not be possible.

[Comments from a person living near the fire]

“Thank you for your help during the Forward Fire. It was a blessing to be able to listen to the communications over the radio. I realized I recorded a few seconds of the SER Net and thought I would share. Thanks again ...It's a great example of the Net in action. :-)”

[https://www.youtube.com/shorts/es8B\\_z6Amc8](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/es8B_z6Amc8)

**Copy is** <http://www.shastadefense.com/forward%20fire%20-%202022-09-13%20.mp4>  
[SHORT SEGMENT OF RADIO TRAFFIC STARTS AT ABOUT 8 SECONDS].  
[ the Radio traffic on the video is a very brief segment of the Emergency Net traffic between KK6SWE (Wilson Hill) and K6PDS (in Redding, mobile)]

“ I was very glad to hear the information. The information was timely and helpful. Thank you for all that you do.”

“ i was listening... i switched to channel 10 when you made the report there. it was very helpful for me! thanks,”

“Midway [ ]. Yes Nathan we were listening and passing along info to others. Thank you and keep doing what you’re doing. Thank you “

“We heard your entire report. Thank you for the update ☺ ☐.  
Division two north Midway.”

“In this situation it went well. Very helpful for a HAM from Redding to step up. He was using the app Watch Duty available on Apple and Android which has better info than I've seen from

any other online source.

The issue is we rely on electricity, computers and apps. If we were in a PSPS or the fire took out the grid many may be in the dark. So again a HAM in Redding that might not be affected is helpful and hopefully in any future emergencies.

With Starlink internet, a generator and backup batteries we will be online, but Frontier may not. I however may not be here depending on medical stuff. So others having Starlink, generators and or battery backups are helpful.

I'm glad to see when other non-participants from the past stepped up, you did not tell them to leave. We benefit from as many ears and eyes as we can get even if they don't want to be team players.

[www.scancal.org/co/tehema](http://www.scancal.org/co/tehema) is where I got the Tehema county CDF frequencies.”

“I listened and appreciated the updates and knowing someone was monitoring the situation.”

“Hello Nathan.

Yes the incident reporting is great. Couple of suggestions would maybe look at action points where an update is needed. Might lessen the burden on you. So for example: Next update if fire is reported across Rock creek road ( or whatever known landmark that makes sense)

In addition, for an ongoing incident that may warrant overnight coverage maybe we should look at shifts . I know it might be to much to ask of some but a 2 hr slot might be doable. ( only in the event that there is a true evacuation threat) Thanks for all you do,”

“Thank you Nathan. Midway [ ] was listening and appreciates the updates. I saw the column of smoke on my way home from Anderson, told Ron about it and we began listening for updates...

Thanks! “

“We appreciated all efforts by yourself and Don to keep people informed as well as others who added information. We thank you all.”

“I found it extremely helpful as I was able to communicate to neighbors as to the status.

Thank you for doing such an outstanding job. “

“ Hi Nathan,

Yes, reporting about the forward incident was helpful as I was able to share some info with someone who called me because they knew I had a radio and they saw the smoke but didn't have any other info. I also utilized the links on Nextdoor for watchduty and the cameras to view where the fire was.

Thank you for reporting on the black fire tonight as well. “

“ it was very good i listened to it and it was very helpfull “

“Hi Nathan, just wanted to say thank you for the action you took on the Forward Fire yesterday. I'm glad we have you to inform us fast and with accurate information. thank you ”

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