

SER - WILDFIRE PREPARATION PLAN UPDATE 2023 08 13

8/13/2023: THE MAUI FIRE (93 dead and people still missing).

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

WHAT IS OUR ACTION PLAN?

Village - Bravo 1 had the following comments about the Maui Fire.

“Just one other thing to note. The RED FLAG WARNING for high winds and EXTREME fire danger was advertised several days prior to this event. Not saying it would have made a difference, but the system is set up for citizens to increase their awareness and prepare for the worst case scenario. Neighbors working together often times creates a system more reliable than the emergency agencies that are overwhelmed in an event like Maui. Just my take, Doug...” (emphasis added).

A Big Thank you to Village - Bravo 1.

Our Action Plan based on Maui:

1. If there is a Red Flag Warning ... high winds ... Extreme fire danger – **any station** is to issue an Advisory (on EROC 9 – BY NON HAMS / on CH 10 /CH55 FOR TX – BY HAMS). **All stations should: increase awareness; conduct periodic QWA Procedure (report only as needed); and be prepared for worst case scenarios (i.e., be ready and able to immediately activate your neighborhood and family emergency plans).**

2. If there is an EMERGENCY LIFE THREATENING INCIDENT (E.G., WILDFIRE ...) use and follow the SER Radio Plan to get the EMERGENCY LIFE SAVING INFORMATION out!

How hard is this? It is Very Easy. You just must have your radios on. They are silent 99 % of the time. We have a weekly practice net (average time is less than 14 minutes a week). Just follow SER procedures and use it. Make sure your batteries are always fully charged (have several batteries and rotate their use).

3. Always Monitor EROC 9 on a 24/7 basis. (outside antennas are **strongly** recommended / mag mount for mobile).

4 Hopefully, some non hams are monitoring CH 10 (Latour Butte – CH 55 TX for certain radios). **If you have an emergency involving saving life, and are outside of your neighborhood (e.g., on Highway 44 and see a smoke column in Shingletown, etc...) transmit on CH. 55 (if your radio is set up for such). This applies to both NON HAMS AND HAMS! This is because EROC 9 most likely will not have sufficient range.** And Yes, you call 911 if your cell phone works. After hearing the emergency transmit on CH 10 you should then relay the emergency information on EROC 9. Be sure to acknowledge the transmit your heard on CH 10 (e.g., “copy emergency traffic [your identifier]...”).

5. Don't wait for “Bob” your neighbor to do something. The excuse “... I am listening ...” is an excuse for being lazy. You have the tools. You have practiced. Now, DO IT!

Thank you.

Nathan

(Please note that we are working on eliminating the malicious interference by bad people on the Ch 10 – the repeater).