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**Shingletown Emergency Radio Plan – October / November, 2020.**

**On the front lines of Wildfires and Emergencies – Shingletown Residents voice full support for the SER PLAN.**

At the end of October, 2020 (and continuing thereafter) there has been an attempted Take Over / Hijacking of THE Shingletown Emergency Radio Plan. Such is still in process. As a result, the continued existence of the SER Plan and its efficient emergency communications plan, have been jeopardized. Hopefully, those behind this madness will recognize the dangerous situation they are creating. But, the SER Plan is STILL HERE AND OPERATING! Just join in.

**The positive response from the Shingletown community has been very uplifting. Many residents of Shingletown recognize the value of the SER Plan, and they want to keep the SER Plan. Here are some of the e-mails I have received (names have been removed):**

START:

 "Nathan please feel free to put this message out to others on your SER email list.

I have been an active participant in the SER (Shingletown Emergency Radio) plan for over a year now. I became involved because I see the value to our community as a whole . Overall the situational awareness aspect of the system as it is designed currently will save lives. The system is a stand-alone emergency communication system that can provide users with a reliable means to activate emergency services in the event of loss of power or standard communications. It should remain in place.

As a retired firefighter, I understand the importance of early emergency services activation and timely responder and community situational awareness. I also understand how chaotic things can be in the event of an emergency if there is not a structured plan. Without a plan bad things happen. If there were two opposing plans, I would venture to say bad things will happen. What we have with the current SER plan pulls together area reports that span miles in a matter of minutes. I have witnessed the SER plan provide timely and accurate up to date emergency information to residents of our community. In those instances participants with radios were far more informed than others without. I oppose the effort to form a new SER plan.

I feel it is important to realize that everyone has their opinion on how things should be done in any circumstance. By all means, the SER plan is not perfect but it is effective and continually improving. If the plan works why change it?

Nathan, you have put a tremendous amount of work into making our area safer through the SER plan. You are continually striving to make it even better by soliciting input from participants. I see no reason to discontinue your efforts over a disagreement or personal issue. I understand your frustrations, but ultimately what is important? You have made us safer and given many of us piece of mind even as we sleep at night. That is success!

Respectfully, ...”

➡️ • “This is horrible news. The Village Emergency Net is VITAL for our safety in times of emergency. As you know, we do NOT have a reliable means of alerting residents of dangerous situations in a timely fashion. If there is anything you can do to stop this takeover it would be GREATLY appreciated, Nathan. You have done a tremendous job in putting Shingletown's safety first with this network. You've done an excellent job and I hope it continues.

Sincerely, ...”

➡️ • “hi there, nathan.

i appreciate all you've done to build up the shingletown program.  
i think it's important to have...to relay info when our internet is down,  
and to hear updates on local fires.  
i haven't participated much...but i'm listening...and i will  
contribute when i have something to offer.  
i'd love it if you would continue with the program...  
whatever you call it is fine with me.  
again, thanks for all the time and resources you've put into this.  
sorry the others hijacked your program.  
i'm with you, ...”

➡️ • “Please continue as it will save a life in an actual emergency ! The broadcast is much appreciated by my entire family and friends and neighbors”

➡️ • “Sorry to learn of this matter.

You've spent a great amount of time and effort trying to help Shingletown and surroundings. It was comforting to know you and others were on standby. So, yes, a village emergency net seems wise indeed. ... Thanks for making such an effort to save our property and lives...”


➡️ • “We would be most grateful if you would keep this wonderful effort going.”

➡️ • “I'm sorry to hear this, as we really liked the plan that was in place, and felt informed immediately! I'm not sure what we can do now. why don't you just keep doing what you are doing and see where things go? ...”

➡️ • “Hi Nathan, I want to continue the Village Emergency Net. I feel it is very important to us for any disasters. I hope it will continue. Thank you for all you do. ...”

➡️ • “Nathan, we were very sad to hear ... We just joined a couple months ago and it's been very helpful to know about incidences in real time. If there is a Village Emergency Net, we would like to be a part.”

➡️ • “I would participate but I am totally overwhelmed taking care of my husband. ... . I don't have any interest in Dar's network ... . Take care.”

 "I think you should keep doing it!"

END.

**Thank you to everyone who has shown support for the Shingletown Emergency Radio Plan.**

**As you are aware, the Shingletown Emergency Radio Plan continues in full operation.**

**We need more Hams and Non Hams to help out.**

Thank you again for your kind words.

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