

**11-29-2020: K6PDS ©**

**URGENT NOTIFICATION – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

**The SER “SCAN PLAN” © “SCAN” © is amended to EXCLUDE the STARC 165 repeater.**

Accordingly, the SER Scan Plan © is amended to be as follows:

**760,**

**505,**

**Your area Channel 1,**

**Your area Channel 3 and**

**For active participating Hams the “Alert Frequency”.**

**The Terms "Scan Plan" “Scan” are SER terms and have the above specific definition (i.e., you are scanning the above specific frequencies, with applicable SER Policies). Conforming updates in the Formats will be made.**

Existing SER frequency use policies remain in effect. A FOUNDATIONAL BASIS FOR THE SER PLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN 24/7 MONITORING OF THE SCAN PLAN FREQUENCIES.

The SER Policy includes the existing and continuing request, for the above Ham frequencies (760 and 505) (part of the SER “Scan Plan”; SER “Scan”), that stations please avoid using the frequencies (other than for emergency / priority matters) **after 8:00 P.M. and before 8:00 A.M.** This has historically been the SER Plan policy request for Scan Plan frequencies.

Thus, please use 760 and 505 during the day (subject to above, and for Brevity Fire Watch reports and other SER reporting procedures) for brief contacts and for QSY to an alternate frequency (i.e., the designated Talk Frequency) so that we can maintain an effective emergency notification system for Shingletown.

SER Plan options for an alternative Repeater to accommodate some degree of Ham “talk” during the day has now been diminished. Thus, we no longer have the option of changing to another Scan Plan Repeater frequency during the day to monitor while Hams talk on the other repeater. There no longer is “another scan plan repeater”.

Why the change? STARC (owner of 165 repeater) is no longer assisting with the SER Plan. A few individual STARC operators are still helping with the SER Plan and their individual assistance is appreciated. However, the President of STARC and a couple of his “followers” are destroying the SER Program. This can’t be allowed to take place.

The President of STARC referenced the STARC policy change (as to the 165 repeater) (during its November 24, 2020 “Net”). Follow up e-mail correspondence to STARC’s President have not been answered. Such e-mail correspondence requested STARC to advise immediately if the 165 repeater is NOW for Ham general Talk / Chit Chat 24/7... . The President of STARC has

not responded to advise to the contrary. The SER Plan cannot be subjected to the continuing improper conduct of STARC'S President. (See \*\*\*, below).

As such, that 165 repeater is no longer suitable for anyone to effectively monitor 24/7 for emergencies such as wild fires, auto accidents, generator explosions, inability to call 911 due to communications failures, and other Shingletown emergencies because people (Hams and Non Hams) will turn off their radios if they are awakened late at night (e.g., 10:00 P.M. 11:30 P.M. etc...) or early morning (e.g., 1:00 A.M., 2:00 A.M., etc...) for mere Ham Chit Chat. Both the STARC 030 and 165 repeaters are now dedicated by STARC for Ham Talk and chit chat at any hour.

Individual Hams are needed and always welcome to participate in the SER Plan and Activations; however, the SER Plan must be followed. Common sense requires the plan be followed in order to effectively coordinate emergency communications for an area in excess of 140 Square miles (including participating neighborhoods). Moreover, the Shingletown Wildfire Alert Safety Perimeter (WASP) is much larger. For context, we should remember that Shingletown is at the top of the Cal Fire list of California Communities vulnerable to fire devastation. Shingletown, being just like Paradise, California (which was completely decimated by the Camp Fire in November of 2018); is surrounded by forested areas, with housing susceptible to fire and the home of a large elderly population.

**Under the SER Plan, Other Ham Simplex frequencies are already established for talk / Chit Chat as well as a non ham frequency for non hams. They are:**

ONLY change>> 147.165 + 88.5 << effective 11/29/2020 - ONLY CHANGE

SAME 147.030 + 88.5

SAME 146.580 Simplex

SAME 146.550 (MCW)

SAME 462.7250 NB (non hams)

SAME 151.940 (FREQ. not assigned to any AREA. For use by all ares in event of larger area emergency. Also, directing traffic at traffic accident, etc...

**SER HAM NETS will be held only on the 760 (repeater), or 505 (simplex). This is the Same procedure that has been in place for years (i.e., using a Scan Plan frequency for Nets). That way everyone knows where to go. Thus, if there is an activation, and you missed the frequency announced for a Net, you automatically go to a Scan Plan Frequency (now, ONLY - 760 or 505).**

**In Bad weather, SER HAM NET ACTIVATIONS may need to be held on 505 SIMPLEX because the 760 repeater is Solar Powered and runs off of batteries. Use of Ham Relays will be necessary.**

**We need more Hams to help out. If not licensed, please get your license. Several persons have become Hams because of the SER Program and their desire to help out.**

**If you desire to have your radio programming updated in an effort to reduce the chances of being awakened during early morning hours (thus, need to remove 165 from the Scan programming), call Nathan at: 474-3267.**

Thank you.

Nathan

Notes:

**\* The comments do not pertain to all STARC members. Some STARC members continue to help out and their assistance is both needed and appreciated by all of Shingletown.**

**\* \* \*** Recent STARC club nets during November, 2020, (held on the 165 repeater) have been directed and focused by the STARC President (and a few other STARC members) as a “feeding frenzy” venue for, inter-alia:

- making false claims and allegations of FCC rule violations (these false allegations have had a direct “chilling” and destructive impact on both Hams and Non Hams participation in the SER Plan - which is the only established and operating Coordinated Emergency Radio Communications Plan Shingletown has);
- defamation and slander;
- the rendering of purported “legal” opinions by persons who are not lawyers and who are engaging in the unauthorized practice of law; and
- the continuing onslaught of derogatory and personal attacks, and gossip fertilization, etc... .

One of the deep concerns was the boycotting of the recent Emergency Net for an active Shingletown Fire by some of the STARC Hams (See \*, above). During the active fire, they listened to FIRE CONTROL’s requests for radio assistance, and they did nothing to help. Such childish and egocentric behavior has no place in the SER Plan. The SER Plan has taken years to build, and has case histories of being an effective emergency communications Plan, which has worked very well for, and to the benefit of, Shingletown residents.

The current STARC President and a few of his “followers” do not reflect the seriousness of purpose, nor basic integrity standards for the SER community emergency radio communications plan. The 165 repeater, being under the control of such forces, is of serious detriment to the SER Plan, and is therefore removed from the Scan Plan / Scan.