

November 12, 2019

SHINGLETOWN EMERGENCY RADIO PLAN – FIRE NET ACTIVATED

November 12, 2019, at approximately 0525 hours tone out from Cal Fire – Shingletown (Dispatch). SER Net station K6PDS, tuned one radio to dedicated monitoring of Cal Fire Dispatch to determine situation while continuing to monitor the SCAN PLAN on another radio.

Reported by Cal Fire: Fully involved structure fire reported Alward Way Near Grace Resort Rd. Additional Cal Fire reports: explosions, elderly couple at scene not accounted for, spread to vegetation, propane tank venting, downed power line, spread - 1 acre.

The situation met the criteria for an Emergency SER Net Plan Activation and Long Tone T Alert.

The **SER ACTIVE FIRE** Net was **activated** on all SER NET SCAN PLAN FREQUENCIES. 5 LONG TONE T ALERTS ARE THE SIGNAL FOR AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

An Active Fire Net was conducted, which included:

1. The Active Fire Net was conducted on 760 (CH 10 – monitoring / CH 55 - transmit).
NCS - K6PDS; B/U NCS - W6iO.
2. W6iO monitored Cal Fire Dispatch and reported relevant information into the Fire Net. AJ6KJ monitored Cal Fire Tactical 151.445 and reported relevant information into the Fire Net. Great job W6iO and AJ6KJ.
3. Neighborhood Nets were activated at discretion of Neighborhood Leads.
5. Net Control requested all stations to perform a QWA PROCEDURE (Brevity Fire Watch) and report back. Of those Neighborhood Areas reporting back, results were QWA (No Suspect Fire / Smoke / or Embers observed (other than the existing fire - QWK).
6. We have learned that multiple Hams and non hams were monitoring and were awakened by the Alerting process and listened to the Active Fire Net, although they may not have transmitted into the Fire Net.
7. 0650 hours: Active Fire Net DEACTIVATE. Cal Fire having advised that the fire was contained and units were being cancelled (Cal Fire estimated being on scene another 3 hours).

Stations were requested to QSY Scan Plan and their Neighborhood Frequencies.

Thank you to everyone who helped in this vital emergency communication tool.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS:

1. Neighborhood nets should relay information from the Ham Net into their Neighborhood Alert Frequency (Each Respective Neighborhood's CH 1) for those persons who stay only on their neighborhood alert frequency.

2. The **Active Fire Net provides a Hub for information collection and dissemination** from multiple sources, in real time, including, but not limited to the following as may apply to specific situations:

- Cal Fire Dispatch reports;
- Cal Fire Tac 11 reports;
- Mobile Ham and Non Ham radio Unit ground / field observations;
- Ham and Non Ham radio operators periodic reports for Smoke / Fire / Ember Checks;
- Observations from home locations and any other locations (and/or lookout locations);
- The ability for adjoining Neighborhoods to provide real time Smoke / Fire / Ember Checks as to any new fire threats;
- status of communication ability / non ability in each participating neighborhood area;
- Relay of any evacuation instructions from Sheriff, as may apply;
- Neighborhood Welfare Checks / Evacuation assistance needs (done at local Neighborhood level – and relayed into Ham Net if Local Neighborhood Area unable to handle on its own).
- Reporting to be brief, accurate, concise and no speculation.