

Note that Placer County ARES does not use “Alert Levels”.

However, some of our neighboring ARES teams do. Here is a sample of what you might hear while visiting another ARES net (I think this is what Sacramento ARES Reserves uses). Note there are no standard levels, so different teams may use different levels.

<b>Alert</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Normal</b>	Normal everyday operations No emergency or precipitating condition exists
<b>1</b>	<b>Stand-by</b>	A potential for a communication emergency exists Members should monitor their local ARES net frequencies and email for information on preparing for deployment, and possible activation notices
<b>2</b>	<b>Warning</b>	An unusual condition or emergency exists that has caused government officials to declare a warning. A communications emergency does not yet exist  ARES will initiate a resource net. All members should monitor the net frequency. Members should make all preparations for possible activation. Members who are available for deployment will check-in to the resource net and state their availability and resources  When feasible, the resource net control will communicate and accept check-ins via email (such as for those at work) as well as on the radio
<b>3</b>	<b>Emergency</b>	Communication emergencies exists, and volunteer operators and radio resources have been requested by one or more served agencies in the Sacramento Valley OR a mutual aid request has been received  If a resource net has not already been activated (see Alert 2 above), one will be activated now. Once available resources have been determined, further instructions will be given on the resource net frequency. One or more other nets may be activated to give instructions for deployment and for field operations

**Remember: NEVER self-deploy! Always wait until you receive specific instructions before deploying into the field.**