

# Red Cross Golden Pineapple Express

## Scope of Exercise

The Gold Country Region is experiencing a "pineapple express" event across all 24 counties. Threats for this simulation involve Flooding and Fire.

The full scale simulation, planned for the week of April 12th, with major play to take place on April 16th and to conclude at 3:00 p.m. that day at sheltering sites in Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Shasta counties. Exercise play is limited to sheltering, feeding, logistics, and communication.

## Participating Organizations

American Red Cross Gold Country Region, County OES, Southern Baptists Convention, Hands on Superior California, Sacramento Public Health, Local ARES/RACES Clubs, Verizon Wireless, Pollock Pines Community Center, Woodlands Community Center

## Exercise Overview

Information received from Red Cross liaison Jim Piper, N6MED, 530-889-2951  
*Scenario event evolution so far as they are relevant to ARES support:*

### Exercise Play begins April 13

- Weather warnings to ARC personnel
- ARC DOC opens April 14 with ops ARES in DOC activated
- Contact with participating OES established April 15
- Citrus Heights shelter opens April 16 (though not noted in the meeting summary I received, I would anticipate all other shelters will also be opening on this date).

### Operative notes:

- Southern Baptists to be players, preparing lunches @ Sac and transported via ERV (Emergency Response Vehicle) to Yolo, El Dorado, & San Joaquin shelters.
- Shasta, Calaveras, Amador, Butte each have separate feeding plans/arrangements.
- IAP will be prepared and "canned" before exercise.
- Shelter survey (defines makeup and issues related to the shelters) will remain undisclosed but provided to shelter managers before scenario begins.
- ARES will receive message traffic on ICS 213s. (I look forward to messages at destination to be delivered to ARC addressee on ICS213. My recommendation: tools such as fldigi populate ICS213 forms at source and destination.)

During shelter ops, the local DPM (Disaster Program Manager) disseminates IAP (ICS 201) updates and action summaries. Though nothing has been said regarding any other communications during the exercise, I think it would be prudent to be prepared for it, regardless.

All counties involved OES's, but for Calaveras, will be participating as noted:

<b>County</b>	<b>Shelter Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>OES Involvement</b>
Shasta	1st Baptist Church	3320 Brush St, Cottonwood	Yes (Player)
El Dorado	Pollock Pines Community Center	2675 Sanders Dr, Pollock Pines	Yes (Observer)
Yolo	Church on the Rock	630 Cottonwood St, Woodland	Yes (Player)
Sacramento	Citrus Heights Community Center	6237 Fountain Square Dr, Citrus Heights	Yes (Player)
San Joaquin	1st Presbyterian Church	31 E Vine St, Stockton	Yes (Player)
Amador	Sierra Baptist Church	26355 Buckhorn Ridge Road, Pioneer	Yes
Calaveras	West Point Fire Protection District (SimCell)	195 Spink Rd, West Point	Yes
Butte	Church of the Nazarene	2238 Monte Vista Ave, Oroville	Yes (Evaluator)

### **RED CROSS Disaster Program Managers for the exercise and contact phone**

<b>County</b>	<b>DPM Phone #</b>	<b>DPM</b>
Shasta	W:xxx-xxx-xxxx	Kendra Pospychalla
El Dorado	W:xxx-xxx-xxxx	Tammi Martin
Yolo	W:xxx-xxx-xxxx	William Chin
Sacramento	W:xxx-xxx-xxxx	William Chin
San Joaquin	W:xxx-xxx-xxxx	Daryl White
Amador	W:xxx-xxx-xxxx	Debbie Calcote
Caliveras	W:xxx-xxx-xxxx	Debbie Calcote
Butte	C:xxx-xxx-xxxx	Mary Jo Fairlee (effective)

### **ARRL ARES Contact information**

ARRL Section Emergency Manager:  
Frank Reshke, N6SNO, 916-529-2396  
[frankn6sno@gmail.com](mailto:frankn6sno@gmail.com)

DEC 3 Sacramento Emergency Coordinator:  
Gregory Kruckewitt, KG6SJT, Cell 530-219-0611  
[kg6sjt@gmail.com](mailto:kg6sjt@gmail.com)  
(Note: I will be in Amador at a shelter, cell phone coverage is unclear)

Sacramento Emergency Coordinator:  
John Staples, KI6ZWW, 916-612-8354 (c)  
[ki6zww@hotmail.com](mailto:ki6zww@hotmail.com)

Sacramento Red Cross Amateur Radio Liaison  
Jim Piper 530-889-2951  
[n6med@att.net](mailto:n6med@att.net)

## ARRL County Emergency Coordinators & Leads For Exercise

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### Communications Plan

ARES has been asked to provide radio communications in support of the Red Cross exercise "Golden Pineapple Express". It is anticipated that messages will be sent to and received by the Net Control Station (NCS) located at the Red Cross Disaster Operations Center at the Gold Country Region ARC on Exposition Blvd, in Sacramento.

### Personal Safety Responsibility

Nothing contained in this document stated or implied, allows you to violate FCC rules or regulations or state or federal law. This includes HIPAA Privacy Rules.

Use the tactical call sign for your location, and observe FCC's 10-minute ID rule. Use your call sign at the end of every transmission.

You are responsible for keeping yourself out of harms way and for not doing anything irresponsible. BE SAFE.

***Red Cross has made it clear that they do not provide insurance or workman's compensation to you during your participation in this exercise.***

### Alert and Call Out procedures.

We have been informed by Red Cross that either the county OES or possibly the Red Cross Disaster Program Manager (DPM) will alert the County ARES Emergency Coordinator (EC) on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Shelters will not open until Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

On Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>, the OES or DPM will contact the county ECs to assign operators to specific shelter locations:

**IF the EC has not been called by Red Cross by 11AM, Contact  
Jim Piper 530-889-2951  
[n6med@att.net](mailto:n6med@att.net)**

**Each County EC will obtain necessary information from the DPM as to final shelter location and contact information.**

**It is important to LOG** all times and contacts on a log page.

This information will be necessary to evaluate the ARES response.

- Contact information for person calling
- Time of alert or call out
- Nature of the alert / call out
- Anticipated need of radio operators
- Shelter location
- Contact information for the shelter manager that the ARES members will contact at arrival
- Expected duration of the event (if known)

Inform the person calling for the alert or call out, the expected time it will take to contact and dispatch radio operators to the shelter site.

### **ARES Members Response Expectations**

*All ARES members responding to the call out by their EC or ARC, are expected to:*

- Are expected to wear their ARES and/or DSW identification
- Track and log their time of call out.
- Gather all information necessary to proceed to exercise location.  
BE PREPARED for possible changing conditions or shelter locations.
- Safely transport themselves and necessary radio equipment to the assigned location.  
Although the exercise planners are planning to provide food and water to participants, plan on bringing your own necessities in case these items are not available.
- Upon arrival at the location, introduce yourself to the shelter manager or contact person.  
Log the time you arrive at the shelter.
- On arrival at a shelter, ARES personnel, like ARC Volunteers, should be asked to log in with ARC there.
- Locate the your radio in a place where you will be able to communicate with the DOC or relay station and not be distracted by shelter operations. Headphones might be necessary.
- Take log pages, ICS-213 forms and any other forms that your EC requests you take..
- As soon as your station is up and running, Check in with Net Control Station at the DOC.

### **Formal Red Cross traffic**

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Red Cross has requested that all **formal** messages from the shelters to the DOC and messages from the DOC to the shelter should be on the ICS-213 form. The Red Cross liaison Jim Piper has said this must be the official FEMA 213 form, which does not easily lend itself to voice message traffic. If necessary for accurate efficient voice communications, use the ARES version, but realize that they may require you to transfer the message to the standard FEMA ICS-213 form.

Attached: at the end of this overview is the FEMA ICS-213 form the ARES version of ICS-213 form, and a log sheet. Make copies as necessary.

All formal traffic should be logged in your log book.

- Tactical messages should also be logged when possible.

### **During and at the end of the Exercise**

**During the exercise** if you note any problems or issues we can improve on , log the the issues so ARES and Red Cross can work to fix those problems for the future.

**At the end of the Exercise**, All log pages and message pages should be turned in to your county EC so that he/she can prepare a report which will summarize ARES participation in the exercise.

***This event will be a learning exercise. We want to improve our response to emergencies.***  
**ARES Communications Plan**

Primary repeaters for communications

- **Primary repeaters: N6ICW** 147.195 + positive PL 123.0 The N6ICW repeater is linked to W6ECE Chico 146.940 - MHz PL 123.0
- **Backup repeater: KE6YUV** 146.970 - negative PL 123.0
- **Backup HF** 7230 KHz LSB
- **CARLA Repeater System BACKUP ONLY Shasta area**  
146.115 + positive PL 123.0  
*Permission has been secured to use the Carla Link system as a backup system only.*

**In the case radio communications fail from your location, it might be possible to send messages to the DOC via email or phone calls.**

**DOC Net Control Station**

ARRL Section Emergency Manager:  
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**DOC Net Control Station**

Vince Cracchiolo, KI6NHP 916-716-6045  
Text to: 9167166045@txt.att.net  
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**SACRAMENTO EC at Sacramento Shelter**

John Staples, KI6ZWW, cell: 916-612-8354  
Text messages only [9166128354@txt.att.net](mailto:9166128354@txt.att.net)

## Special notes to shelter radio operators and the NCS

### Shelter Station Start-up

Upon arrival at the shelter location, Sign in with the shelter personnel and contact the Shelter Manager.

Locate the your radio in a place where you will be able to communicate with the DOC or relay station and not be distracted by shelter operations. Headphones might be necessary.

Contact the net control Station and inform them that you are at the shelter.

Call net control using your tactical call sign for your location, and observe FCC's 10-minute ID rule.

*End every contact with net control by giving your FCC call sign.*

Net control will periodically run a roll call of shelters to ascertain your status.

**Preface all radio traffic with "This is an exercise" or "this is a drill."**

**If a real emergency manifests, please indicate, "this is a real world emergency" (a requirement put out to all ARC staff participants).**

### If you are relieved at your position by another operator

Take time to transfer control to them. Bring them up to date with any issues you have encounter and problems they might have to deal with after the hand-off. Note the hand off in the log.

### Station/ shelter Close Down

When your station has been closed down and Red Cross dismisses you, Contact Net Control and inform them that "*Tactical-Call* Shelter is now closed. Give your call sign".

At this time if net control has another assignment for you, they will inform you.

Log the time of shelter closure.

Turn all logs and materials to your EC.

### Tactical Call Signs for this exercise (*NCS will modify these if necessary*)

Use tactical call sign for your location, and observe FCC's 10-minute ID rule.

End every contact with net control by giving your FCC call sign.

Monitor your assigned frequency at all times. Notify NCS if you have to leave.

<b><i>Shelter location</i></b>	<b><i>Tactical Call</i></b>
Sacramento DOC	NET CONTROL
El Dorado	Pollock Pines Shelter
Woodland	Woodland Shelter
Yolo EOC	Yolo EOC
Sacramento	Citrus Heights Shelter
San Joaquin	Stockton shelter
Amador	Pioneer Shelter
Calaveras	West Point Shelter
Shasta	Cottonwood Shelter
Butte	Oroville shelter

## INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b> <b>RED CROSS</b> Golden Pineapple Exercise	<b>2. Date/Time Prepared:</b> Date: April 13, 2015 Time: 2117	<b>3. Operational Period:</b> Date From: April 16      Date To: April 16 Time From: 0900          Time To: 1500
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<b>4. Basic Radio Channel Use:</b>										
Zone Grp.	Ch #	Function	Channel Name/Trunked Radio System Talkgroup	Assignment	RX Freq N or W	RX Tone/NA C	TX Freq N or W	TX Tone/NA C	Mode (A, D, or M)	Remarks
SAC	1	CMD 1 - Sacramento	N6ICW	ARES DOC	147.195 W		147.795 W	123.0	A	DOC Primary
Chico to SAC	2	CMD 2 - Chico Linked to CMD 1	W6ECE	ARES DOC	146.940 W		146.340 W	123.0	A	Linked to DOC Primary
Back up West of SAC	3	<b>Backup repeater can RELAY to DOC</b>	KE6YUV	Yolo ARES / Relay to N6ICW	146.970 W		146.370 W	123.0	A	Yolo Tactical, can relay to N6ICW Sacramento
South of SAC	4	Amador - Calaveras TACTICAL <b>RELAY</b> to N6ICW & KE6YUV	K6ARC	Amador - Calaveras tactical RELAY to N6ICW	146.835 W		146.235	100.0	A	Amador – Calaveras tactical for their exercise. Will monitor and relay to N6ICW in Sacramento or to Backup repeater KE6YUV
West North VHF	5	CARLA VHF <b>Backup</b>	K6LNK	BACKUP link from Redding to Vacaville	146.115		146.715	100.0	A	Permission has been secured to use the Carla Link system. As a backup only.
HF	5	40 meter HF to DOC	40 meter	HF	7235 KHz		7235 KHz		A	Proposed HF path to DOC

**5. Special Instructions:**

**Most shelter locations can now connect to N6ICW in Sacramento. If necessary, Sacramento stations may be able to copy relay traffic from Amador – Calaveras (K6ARC) to N6ICW. Stations in the west and north of Sacramento should be able to relay to KE6YUV in Yolo who could then relay to Sacramento.**

**KE6YUV will be a backup repeater if the N6ICW repeater fails.**

**THE CARLA linked repeater system is available as a backup only.**

**Sacramento ARES is planning to add an HF station on 40m. The freq will be 7235 KHz.**

**6. Prepared by** (Communications Unit Leader): Name: Gregory Kruckewitt      Signature: Gregory Kruckewitt

ICS 205	IAP Page _____	Date/Time: _____
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## GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

<b>1. Incident Name</b> (Optional):		
<b>2. To</b> (Name and Position):		
<b>3. From</b> (Name and Position):		
<b>4. Subject:</b>	<b>5. Date:</b> Date	<b>6. Time</b> HHMM
<b>7. Message:</b>		
<b>8. Approved by:</b> Name: _____    Signature: _____    Position/Title: _____		
<b>9. Reply:</b>		
<b>10. Replied by:</b> Name: _____    Position/Title: _____    Signature: _____		
ICS 213	Date/Time: Date	



## ICS 213 General Message

**Purpose.** The General Message (ICS 213) is used by the incident dispatchers to record incoming messages that cannot be orally transmitted to the intended recipients. The ICS 213 is also used by the Incident Command Post and other incident personnel to transmit messages (e.g., resource order, incident name change, other ICS coordination issues, etc.) to the Incident Communications Center for transmission via radio or telephone to the addressee. This form is used to send any message or notification to incident personnel that requires hard-copy delivery.

**Preparation.** The ICS 213 may be initiated by incident dispatchers and any other personnel on an incident.

**Distribution.** Upon completion, the ICS 213 may be delivered to the addressee and/or delivered to the Incident Communication Center for transmission.

### Notes:

- The ICS 213 is a three-part form, typically using carbon paper. The sender will complete Part 1 of the form and send Parts 2 and 3 to the recipient. The recipient will complete Part 2 and return Part 3 to the sender.
- A copy of the ICS 213 should be sent to and maintained within the Documentation Unit.
- Contact information for the sender and receiver can be added for communications purposes to confirm resource orders. Refer to 213RR example (Appendix B)

Block Number	Block Title	Instructions
1	<b>Incident Name</b> (Optional)	Enter the name assigned to the incident. This block is optional.
2	<b>To</b> (Name and Position)	Enter the name and position the General Message is intended for. For all individuals, use at least the first initial and last name. For Unified Command, include agency names.
3	<b>From</b> (Name and Position)	Enter the name and position of the individual sending the General Message. For all individuals, use at least the first initial and last name. For Unified Command, include agency names.
4	<b>Subject</b>	Enter the subject of the message.
5	<b>Date</b>	Enter the date (month/day/year) of the message.
6	<b>Time</b>	Enter the time (using the 24-hour clock) of the message.
7	<b>Message</b>	Enter the content of the message. Try to be as concise as possible.
8	<b>Approved by</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Signature</li> <li>• Position/Title</li> </ul>	Enter the name, signature, and ICS position/title of the person approving the message.
9	<b>Reply</b>	The intended recipient will enter a reply to the message and return it to the originator.
10	<b>Replied by</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Position/Title</li> <li>• Signature</li> <li>• Date/Time</li> </ul>	Enter the name, ICS position/title, and signature of the person replying to the message. Enter date (month/day/year) and time prepared (24-hour clock).

## ICS-213 (ARES VERSION)

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE (CIRCLE ONE)	FROM STATION	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE FILED
	EMERGENCY Priority H&W Routine				:	/ /

**INCIDENT NAME** (optional):

<b>TO:</b>		<b>POSITION:</b>	
<b>FROM:</b>		<b>POSITION:</b>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>			

### MESSAGE BODY:

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<b>RECEIVED FROM:</b> <i>Print name</i>		<b>INITIALS:</b>		<b>POSITION:</b>	
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### REPLY

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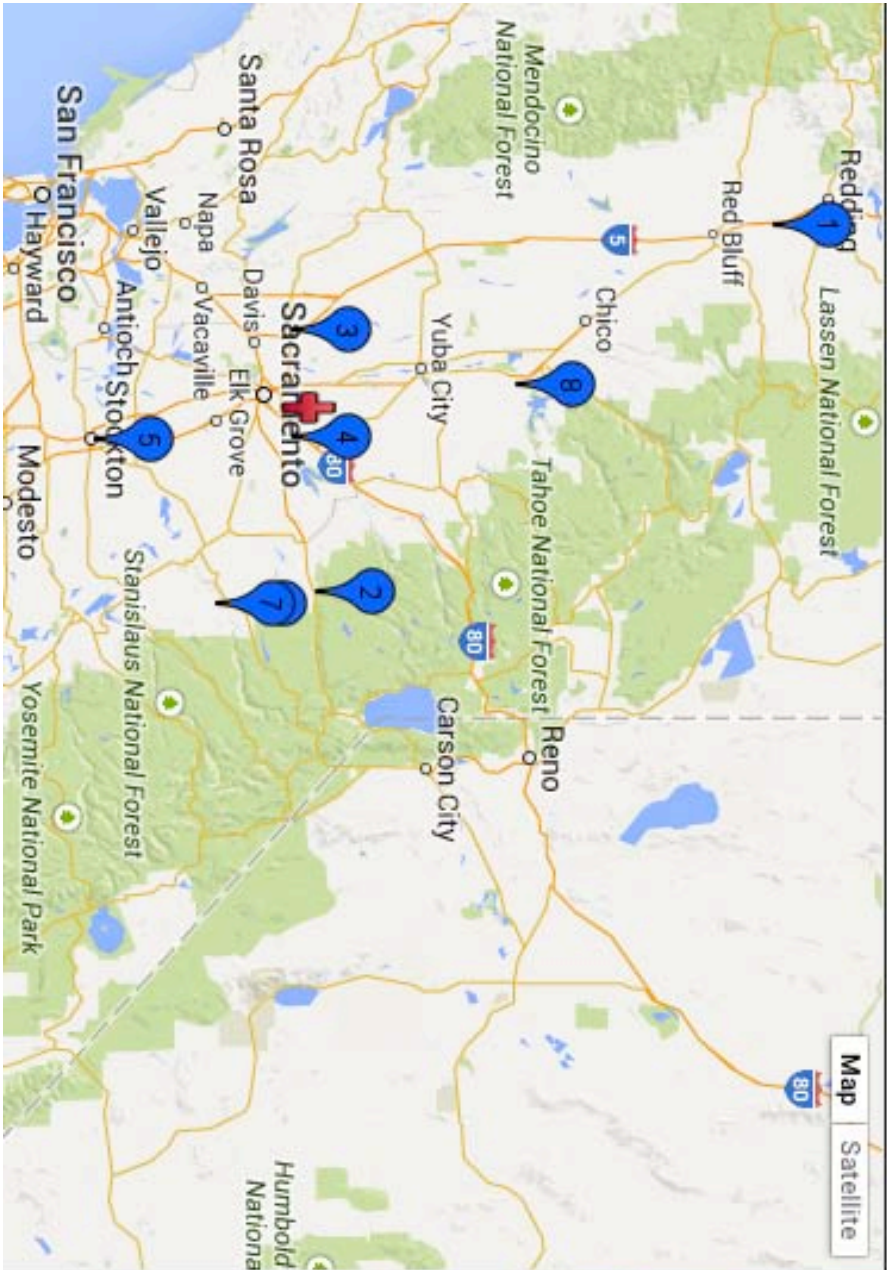
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# Map of Shelter Location



## DOC. Rec Cross DOC

1. Shasta - Cottonwood, CA
2. El Dorado - Pollock Pines
3. Yolo - Woodland
4. Sacramento - Citrus Heights
5. San Joaquin - Stockton
6. Amador - Pioneer
7. Calaveras - West Point
8. Sutter - Oroville