



SHARED RESOURCES (SHARES) High Frequency (HF) Radio Program

Processing SHARES HF Radio Program Messages

A HF radio station accepting SHARES message traffic formats the message in accordance with SHARES formatting procedures contained in the SHARES User Manual, and refers to the SHARES Directory to identify a SHARES station nearest the message addressee. Contact is made with the station in accordance with SHARES radio operating procedures. If contact cannot be established, or if the receiving station is unable to assist in processing the message due to other mission requirements, the calling station selects another SHARES station near the message addressee. The message may also be relayed by other SHARES stations.

To increase the number of stations on-the-air and available to support SHARES during the first hours of an emergency, a SHARES Coordination Network (SCN) Level Change Notice is issued to SHARES stations and listed on the SHARES homepage and Pactor Bulletin Board System (PBBS). The Notice alerts station personnel to the fact that requests for assistance in processing SHARES messages may be expected.

SHARES Emergency Coordination Team (SECT)

Stations electing to support SHARES during an emergency submit a Station Availability Report to one of the SHARES Coordination Stations. These reports are forwarded to the SECT. The SECT is made up of four SHARES HF Interoperability Working Group members, and is activated during emergency situations when SHARES support is required. The SECT is responsible for maintaining the status of SHARES during the emergency, keeping emergency response personnel current on SHARES capability by issuing SHARES Operational Status Reports, and responding to any technical or interoperability issues experienced in the SHARES network.

SECT tracks the Station Availability Reports on the SHARES Emergency Management System, a mapping system used to track stations on-the-air and available to support SHARES. SHARES Operation Report, an electronic confirmation (SHARES Form 5), is issued to acknowledge station participation in a SHARES activity. Distribution is made only to stations that participate.

For additional information, please contact the SHARES Program Office at 703-235-5024 or via email at ncsshares@hq.dhs.gov.