

North Shore ARES Notification #7 - Nor'easter / Ice Storm 12/11-12/12/08

OVERVIEW - Updated

North Shore ARES remains on stand-by activation status by KB1KQW and KA1NCF effective 00:00 on Wednesday after having been activated since 12:30 on Friday.

As of Tuesday evening some shelters continue to serve displaced residents this may continue through the rest of the week, although many other shelters have closed. States of emergency continue for Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It remains possible that some locations may experience a "dark Christmas" due to the numerous power outages. The power outage count continues to drop and as of 22:00 Tuesday was reported to be around 38,000.

The resource nets will continue through Thursday in the event that further resources are required for deployment. These nets will take place on both Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00, 13:00, 17:00, and 21:00. North Shore ARES Net Controls will continue to monitor for any instances of EMERGENCY or PRIORITY traffic that may arise in addition to the resource net through conclusion of the activation. Should it appear no further resources are required, we will terminate the resource net sometime on Friday.

Two potentially significant weather systems have the potential to impact the region over the next five days with several inches of snow, and perhaps some rain and wind. Please continue to monitor forecasts issued by the National Weather Service for further information. A WINTER STORM WATCH has been issued for the region for Friday due to the potential to receive around a foot of snow, but this forecast is highly subject to change and not set in stone. SKYWARN activation is likely on Friday and possibly again later in the weekend.

It is due to this forecast that we anticipate on remaining in stand-by status through Monday, December 22nd.

The rest of Eastern Massachusetts ARES remains on stand-by status now effective through Monday evening 12/22/08 and is subject to review over the next few days, weather and resource permitting. Please see ares.ema.arrl.org for further information on that as well as through messages issued to this e-mail list.

TIMEFRAME OF ACTIVATION / FREQUENCIES - Updated

North Shore ARES has returned to stand-by status effective 00:00 Wednesday and this is expected to last through Sunday or Monday evening. A resource net will continue through Thursday on the 145.470 Danvers repeater four times during the day at 09:00, 13:00, 17:00, and 21:00 to check for potential availability. The 442.800 Danvers Repeater may be used as an alternate, and the Salem repeater may also be utilized should the Danvers sites be unavailable.

Deployment instructions will only be provided by e-mail if additional deployment becomes necessary. Please DO NOT SELF DEPLOY and do not deploy without this written message. We anticipate on remaining in an ARES Stand-by mode through Monday, however this is subject to review over the next few days.

Please continue provide pictures of storm damage and recovery operations through email at pics@nsradio.org.

STORM / EVENT INFORMATION - Updated

Two potentially significant weather systems have the potential to impact the region over the next five days with several inches of snow, and perhaps some rain and wind. A WINTER STORM

WATCH has been issued for the region for Friday due to the potential to receive around a foot of snow, but this forecast is highly subject to change and not set in stone. Please continue to monitor forecasts issued by the National Weather Service for further information at www.weather.gov/boston or www.weather.gov/gray.

SKYWARN activation is likely on Friday and possibly again later in the weekend and if this exacerbates the situation ARES support could potentially be required for shelter operations.

If you have any photos of the damage or recovery operation, please forward them to pics@nsradio.org.

AGENCY SUPPORT - Updated

No further requests for support were received on Wednesday for operations on Tuesday or Wednesday. At this time, we have not been contacted by Red Cross chapter officials for damage assessment operations.

While imminent support is not likely, we will still continue to collect availability for any potential operations that may arise. Please continue to monitor your email and the Danvers Repeater for further updates as they become available. Deployment instructions will only be provided by e-mail if additional deployment becomes necessary.

If weather conditions exacerbate the situation in the central and western parts of the state, it is possible ARES support may again be requested.

Remember, if you have any pictures of the recovery operation please e-mail them to pics@nsradio.org.

REQUEST FOR AVAILABILITY - Updated

While we have returned to stand-by mode, we are still collecting a list of resources in case additional deployments are required. Please let us know if you are available through Sunday evening, along with specific times and means to contact you. Remember, please **DO NOT SELF DEPLOY!** It is just as high an honor to submit your readiness as it is to work in the field.

Please send your availability to ares@nsradio.org or report to the 47 repeater and we will add you to the list.

CALL TO ACTION

Please continue to send your availability to ares@nsradio.org or check in with the ARES representative on the 145.47 Danvers repeater. Resource call-ups will take place on Thursday at 09:00, 13:00, 17:00, and 21:00.

SKYWARN activation is likely on Friday for snowfall amounts and any potential damage.

SUMMARY

- * North Shore ARES has returned to stand-by mode in the event further requests for assistance are required.
- * Pictures of damage or the recovery operation are requested by FEMA from this event, please send to pics@nsradio.org

The next update to this message will be issued sometime late Thursday or Friday, time and information permitting.

Please forward this message on to any interested parties that may be able to provide support.

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