



## South Bay Emergency Communications Service Inc.



### **Mission Statement:**

South Bay Emergency Communications Service Inc. (SBECS) provides and trains communications volunteers to operate emergency voice and data communications during emergencies. SBECS operates primarily within the fourteen cities of Area G, located in South West Los Angeles County.

### **Structure:**

With the rapid convergence of communications and information technology (IT), SBECS uses and supports a wide range of web based volunteer management, shelter management, and Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) mapping software.

SBECS operates on a system of six frequencies, located on five mountain tops circling the Los Angeles Basin, that is interlinked, multi-channel, multi-band on 2 Meter, 440 MHz, Echolink and IRLP.

SBECS members must have passed The FBI's InfraGard® background vetting process and be members of InfraGard®.

SBECS volunteers are registered in the Cal EMA Liability Registry and are provided specified legal immunities under AB 2796, specifically Sections 8588.2 and 8657.5 of the Government Code, and the amended Section 1799.100 of the Health and Safety Code.

### **Scope:**

SBECS follows the National Disaster Response Framework (NDRF), providing communications, as defined in Emergency Support Function (ESF) #2 - Communications Annex. SBECS primary focus is emergency communications within Logistics and Mass Care (ESF) #6, in support of private industry and Non Government Organizations (NGOs), responding to all types of incidents.

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## **Training Standards for SBECS volunteers**

### **Required:**

#### **InfraGard**

SBECS members must have passed The FBI's InfraGard® background vetting process and be members of InfraGard®.

#### **FEMA**

IS-100.a Introduction to Incident Command System

IS-200.a ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

IS-700.a National Incident Management System (NIMS) an introduction

IS-800.b National Response Framework, an introduction

Six-month grace period allowed for FEMA course completion.

#### **Training**

Participate in at least one training session each calendar year.

### **Suggested:**

#### **American Radio Relay League (ARRL)**

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course – Level 1 [www.arrl.org/cep](http://www.arrl.org/cep)

#### **CPR & AED**

American Red Cross: Community First Aid and Safety CPR/AED Adult, CPR Child Infant

American Heart Association: BLS for Healthcare Providers (CPR & AED) Program

#### **Community Emergency Response Team**

CERT 1

CERT 2

#### **FEMA**

There are many excellent courses, a few are listed below, and more are being added.

IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management

IS-775 EOC Management and Operations

IS-802 Emergency Support Functions (ESF) #2 – Communications

IS-820 Introduction to NRF Support Annexes

Note: FEMA Courses available on line, <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

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## **Operational Protocols - Sources**

### **National Response Framework (NRF)**

[www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf)

Site includes NRF plans, Support Annexes, Stafford Act Support to States

### **National Disaster Recovery Framework Initiative (NDRF)**

[www.fema.gov/recoveryframwwork](http://www.fema.gov/recoveryframwwork)

### **National Emergency Communications Plan (SAFECOM)**

[www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/natlemergencycommplan](http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/natlemergencycommplan)

### **ICS Forms**

[http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/ICSResCntr\\_Forms.htm](http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/ICSResCntr_Forms.htm)

Twenty eight PDF & Word forms + instructions for demobilization

### **FEMA Courses**

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

### **InfraGard Member Alliance Los Angeles**

<http://infragardlosangeles.org/>

### **Cal EMA Liability Registry**

<https://liabilityregistry.calema.ca.gov/Search/Organization>

### **General business meetings**

Fourth Thursday of February, April, June, August, October, at 7:00pm,  
location announced in weekly emails.

### **Training quarterly**

Topics, dates and times announced in weekly emails.

### **Weekly emails**

Sign up for them at [info@sbecs.org](mailto:info@sbecs.org)

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## Emergency Support Function #2 – Communications Annex

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### ESF Coordinator:

Department of Homeland Security/National Protection and Programs/Cybersecurity and Communications/National Communications System

### Primary Agencies:

Department of Homeland Security/National Protection and Programs/Cybersecurity and Communications/National Communications System  
Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency

### Support Agencies:

Department of Agriculture  
Department of Commerce  
Department of Defense  
Department of Homeland Security  
Department of the Interior  
Federal Communications Commission  
General Services Administration



## INTRODUCTION

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### Purpose

Emergency Support Function (ESF) #2 – Communications supports the restoration of the communications infrastructure, facilitates the recovery of systems and applications from cyber attacks, and coordinates Federal communications support to response efforts during incidents requiring a coordinated Federal response (hereafter referred to as “incidents”). This ESF implements the provisions of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) National Plan for Telecommunications Support in Non-Wartime Emergencies (NPTS).

ESF #2 also provides communications support to Federal, State, tribal, and local governments and first responders when their systems have been impacted, and provides communications and information technology (IT) support to the Joint Field Office (JFO) and JFO field teams.

With the rapid convergence of communications and IT, the National Communications System (NCS) and the National Cyber Security Division (NCS) work closely to coordinate the ESF #2 response to cyber incidents. This convergence requires increased synchronization of effort and capabilities between the communications and IT sectors to facilitate ESF #2’s ability to respond to all types of incidents.

### Scope

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ESF #2 coordinates Federal actions to assist industry in restoring the public communications infrastructure and to assist State, tribal, and local governments with emergency communications and restoration of public safety communications systems and first responder networks. ESF #2 supports Federal departments and agencies in procuring and coordinating National Security and Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) communications services.

ESF #2 provides communications support to the JFO and any JFO field teams.

ESF #2 also addresses cyber security issues that result from or occur in conjunction with incidents. However, for incidents that are primarily cyber in nature, the Cyber Incident Annex is used and ESF #2 supports responses to cyber incidents as directed.