



SELCOM Emergency Communications Service

## **Emergency Operations Plan for ST Tammany Parish**



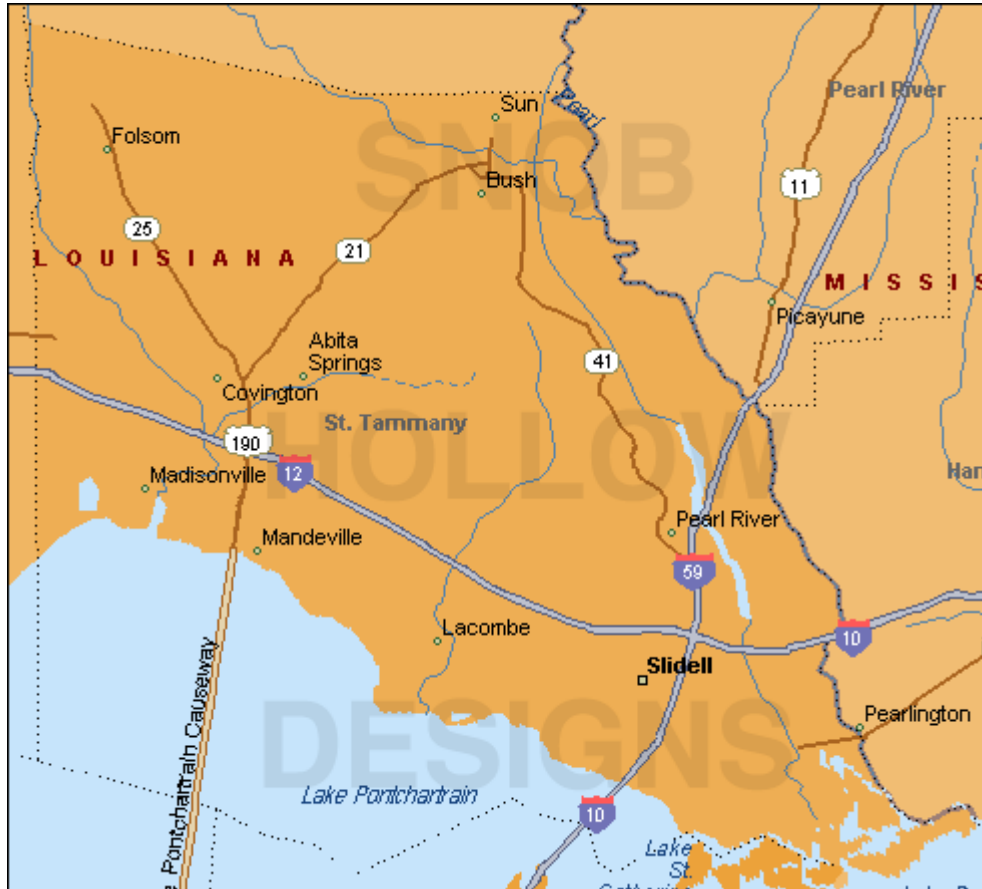
*SELCOM – St Tammany Parish*

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## A. LOCATION

St Tammany Parish, a parish (County) in Louisiana, located north of New Orleans.



<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/22000.html>

<b>Population (2013 Est.)</b>	242,333	<b>Medium Household Income (2012)</b>	\$ 60,813
<b>Sq. Mile Land Area</b>	854	<b>Persons per Sq. Mile (2010)</b>	276.4
<b>Housing Units (2013)</b>	97,363		

**B. PARISH EMERGENCY LEADERSHIP**

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ARES Emergency Communication Coordinator (ECC)  
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## **C. OPERATIONS**

### **1. Safety**

The overriding operational philosophy of Louisiana ARES is maintaining safety of personal. Under no circumstances will ARES personal place themselves in positions at direct risk nor engage in unsafe behavior. ARES leaders set an example not only for their team but for the population as a whole.

### **2. Activation**

The St. Tammany Parish ARES group will activate based on the issuing of emergency alert levels coming from the St. Tammany Emergency Operations Center (EOC). These alerts will be sent directly to the following positions: ARES Emergency Coordinator, all ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinators, and the ARES Emergency Communication Coordinator. The EC or AECs' will contact the issuing official to determine the types of assistance required or available and the scope of activation.

<b>Alert Designation</b>	<b>Description</b>
Level 3	Tropical Storm/Hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico: Begin preparing go kits, ensure that all necessities are ready to be deployed.
Level 2	Tropical Storm/Hurricane threatening SE Louisiana: Load any/all go kits into vehicle, begin monitoring your local emergency repeater.
Level 1	Tropical Storm/Hurricane landfall within 24 hours: Secure all exterior "projectiles", ensure that all batteries are charged and all vehicles are fueled.

Members of St Tammany Parish ARES who suspect that a communications emergency may exist should monitor the primary ARES repeater, 146.860, for possible activation.

### **3. Mobilization**

If telephone service is available, St Tammany Parish ARES members should be called by the designated telephone coordinator for the area covered by each ATT End Office in the parish. If telephone service is not available, ARES members will be notified on the ARES repeater utilizing the following frequency 146.860, PL 114.8hz.

### **4. Net Control Stations**

The ARES net will be called to order by the Net Control Station (NCS). The NCS will be St Tammany Parish EOC.

### **5. Coordination**

Amateur Radio communications will be coordinated at the parish EOC through the establishment of Net Control under the direction of the Incident Command Communications Unit Leader. The ARES Emergency Coordinator and ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinator will assist the Incident Command Communications Unit Leader to accomplish the mission. If Incident Command is located at a facility other than the EOC, then Amateur Radio communications will be coordinated at the alternate facility.

### **6. Message Handling**

All messages, except short questions or comments, shall be written traffic using the modified ICS-213 form (see page 6 & 7).

Messages being transmitted to the Louisiana EOC require approval by the St Tammany Parish Director of Homeland Security or his designee.

Messages within the Homeland Security system may require the use of the modified ICS-213 form (see page 6 & 7).

## 7. Records and Reports

All message forms and logs (including packet messages), check in rosters, or other documentation developed will be filed in a secure place, and turned over to the Net Control Station at the St Tammany EOC at the conclusion of the emergency. A record of assigned personnel and unit activities or information should be kept on ICS Form 214 Unit Log, Page 9. A record of equipment and personnel checked in to the incident should be kept on ICS Form 211 Incident Check In List, Page 10. A record of communications will be maintained on the ICS Form 309, Communications Log, Page 11.

## 8. St Tammany Parish ARES Available Operating Frequencies

North Shore Repeater Information:

Primary/St Tammany:	146.860 PL 114.8 Voice
Secondary/St Tammany	147.270 PL 114.8 NWS/OARC
	444.100 PL 114.8 Voice
	145.010 Digi-Peater Packet
Secondary/West St Tammany:	146.715 PL 114.8

South Shore Repeater Information:

New Orleans Metro Area including Jefferson Parish

Regional:	444.800 PL 114.8
Jefferson:	146.775 PL 114.8
Plaquemines:	146.895/146.655 PL 114.8

ARES Health and Welfare HF Frequencies:

Day: 7.2750 MHz LSB  
Night: 3.8900 MHz LSB

Notes:

- Frequency changes from Day to Night (or visa versa) is dependent on approximant local sunrise and local sunset and frequency propagation conditions.
- As new digital data messaging systems are added we will be adding frequencies in the HF and VHF amateur radio bands.

Frequencies used will logged on ICS 217 – Support Information. These frequencies will be logged by the NCS at the use is initiated. See page 8.

<b>DR#</b>	<b>GENERAL MESSAGE</b>		<b>MSG #:</b>
TO:	POSITION:		
FROM:	POSITION:		
SUBJECT:	DATE:	TIME:	
MESSAGE:			
SIGNATURE:	POSITION:		
REPLY:			
DATE:	TIME:	SIGNATURE/POSITION:	

Modified ICS-213 Directions:

The DR# is designated as the event number. Either the EOC or the American Red Cross will designate a DR#. Use their number.

The MSG# Field is filled out by the amateur operator. The message number is in the following format:

00001-A initial message going out or coming in. The sending station specifies the number.

00001-B A response to the initial message. The replies back and forth should continue with -C, -D, etc.

00002-A Consists of the next message sent...and so on and so on.

The rest of the form is filled out exactly per the NIMS instructions.

Message notes:

- Although the operator does not have to fill out the entire form, please ensure that before you accept the form, that it is legible.
- By utilizing ICS-213, we empower our served agencies and free up valuable amateur resources.

**Appendix 1 – Support Information**

**ICS FORM 217**

COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCE AVAILABILITY WORKSHEET		Frequency Band		Description		
Channel Configuration	Channel Name / Trunked Radio System Talk group	Eligible Users	Frequency N or W	Tone / NAC	Mode A, D or M	Remarks
			RX – TX –			
			RX – TX –			
			RX – TX –			
			RX – TX –			
			RX – TX –			
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The convention calls for frequency lists to show four digits after the decimal place, followed by either an “N” or a “W,” depending on whether the frequency is narrowband or wideband. Mode refers to either “A” or “D,” indicating analog or digital (e.g., Project 25) or “M,” indicating mixed mode. All channels are shown as if programmed in a control station, mobile, or portable radio. Repeater and base stations must be programmed with the RX and TX reversed.



## UNIT LOG ICS 214

<b>UNIT LOG</b>	1. INCIDENT NAME	2. DATE PREPARED	3. TIME PREPARED
4. UNIT NAME/DESIGNATORS	5. UNIT LEADER (NAME AND POSITION)		6. OPERATIONAL PERIOD
7. PERSONNEL ROSTER ASSIGNED			
NAME	ICS POSITION	HOME BASE	
8. ACTIVITY LOG			
TIME	MAJOR EVENTS		

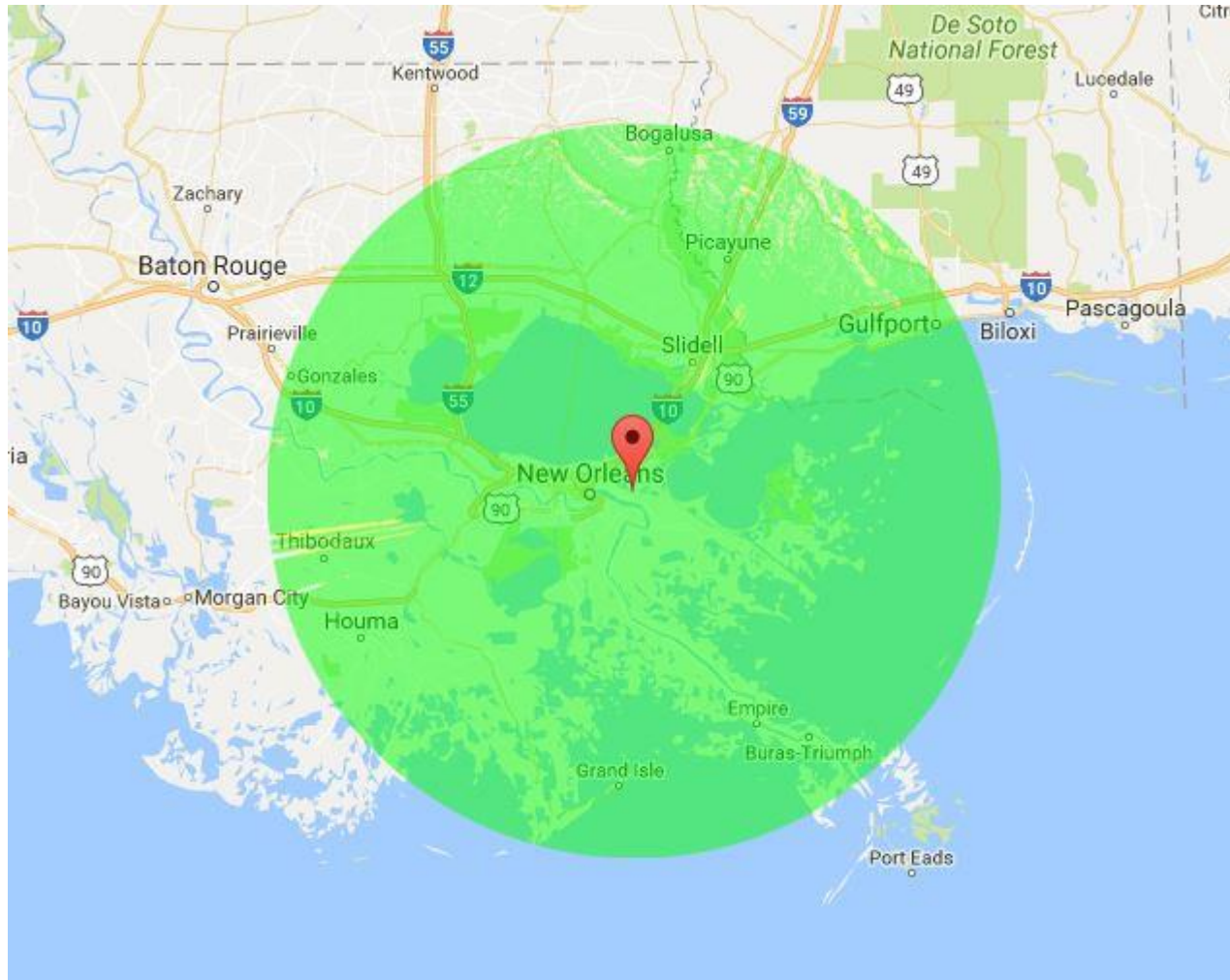
## INCIDENT CHECK-IN LIST ICS 211

1. INITIALIZATION DATE		UTC TIME		2. INCIDENT NAME				3. EOC NCS OPERATOR NAME				CALL SIGN		
CHECK-IN INFORMATION														
4. CHECK-IN PERSONNEL			5. FIRST CHECK-IN		6. LOCATION			7. PROGRESSIVE CHECK-IN ROLL CALL						
CALL SIGN		NAME	DATE	UTC TIME	DATE		UTC TIME							
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## COMMUNICATIONS LOG ICS 309

1. INCIDENT NAME		2. DATE AND TIME PREPARED		3. STATION I.D.		4. RADIO OPERATOR		5. OPERATIONAL PERIOD	
6. LOG									
UTC TIME	STATION I.D. RECEIVED FROM		SENT TO		DR #	SUBJECT			
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### Current coverage of the 146.860Mhz voice repeater





## Emergency Net Protocol

The below Emergency Net Protocol goes into effect when SELCOM is alerted to a potential local or regional communication emergency. This alert is sent from our served agencies. This protocol will be in effect until the communications emergency has been resolved.

1. When a communications emergency has been declared, the members assigned to a parish emergency management agency become the net control station for their repeater.
  1. The NCS (net control Station) has full control and authority to direct all traffic on that repeater for their parish.
  2. All stations must be recognized and allowed by the net control to pass non-agency or non-emergency traffic.
    1. Understand that this traffic will be logged by the NCS.
  3. All amateur radio stations operating at any facility in that parish must follow these procedures.
  4. All amateur radio stations at a facility or agency that is participating with the parish emergency management must check in at regular intervals with the NCS (usually every 30 to 60 minutes). Any station that does not respond to a roll call will be physically checked to ensure that the operator and their station is secure.
  5. All stations participating in the net must notify the NCS if they will be away from their station. Also, please provide an estimate of time.
  6. All stations must use the forms (preferably electronic -on pc) as required by the parish emergency management.
  7. Non agency or non emergency traffic should be directed to one of the repeaters that are not assigned to a parish. SLECOM will be monitoring those assets as well and if available, will handle the traffic.

Notes:

- Each parish has their own forms. All forms are some variation of the NIMS forms. At this time, all parishes that have a MOU with SELCOM use our forms.
- A parish plan has been designed for each parish in Region 1 as well as St Tammany in Region 9. Members assigned to facilities in these parishes will have a copy of the parish plan and an ample supply of the necessary forms. These members will also be furnished with an assignment sheet for that parish. This information is confidential and not for release outside of the Board of Directors for SELCOM.
- Each parish has their preferred style of operating. All amateur radio operators must follow the NCS directions on designated repeaters during a communications emergency.
- Any problems or conflicts will be resolved by 1st, the SELCOM coordinator for that parish, or 2nd, by a board member.