

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

## **BETWEEN**

**THE SUMMIT COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE  
PO Box 2212, Stow, Ohio, 44224-2212**

## **AND**

**The Salvation Army Summit County Area Services – Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network  
(SCAS/SATERN)  
190 South Maple Street. Akron, Ohio 44302**

### **1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

A primary responsibility of the Amateur Radio Service, as established by Part 97 of the Federal Communication Commission's regulations (47CFR), is the performance of public service communications for the general public, particularly in times of emergency when normal communication systems may be disrupted or inadequate.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a nationwide field organization sponsored by American Radio Relay League Inc. (ARRL) and is managed by respective Emergency Coordinators at the state, district, and county level. In Ohio, it is at the county level where most of the emergency preparedness planning, organizing and training is accomplished.

The Summit County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (SUMCO-ARES) is comprised of licensed amateurs in Summit County, Ohio and who have volunteered to organize, train and be prepared to provide auxiliary communication services for public service agencies and other relief organizations when disaster strikes or whenever called upon. ARES has agreements to provide disaster support for various agencies, including the Summit County Emergency Management Agency, American Red Cross Serving Portage and Summit Counties, and the City of Cuyahoga Falls. Additionally, ARES supports the Skywarn program operated by the National Weather Service and various public service events.

Summit County ARES is the owner of a UHF repeater system on the 444.55/449.55 Frequency with 3 separate units located in Green (PL 225.7), downtown Akron (PL 131.8), and Bath (PL 88.5). This system is registered with the Ohio Repeater Council and serves most of Summit County and portions of adjoining counties.

The Salvation Army Summit County Area Services (SCAS) has within its command structure, oversight authority over The Salvation Army Barberton Corps, Akron Citadel, and various service unit offices throughout Summit County. SCAS has been designated as a site holder for various assets of The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Service (EDS).

The Salvation Army's disaster program consists of several basic services. And while these services address many of the typical needs of a disaster survivor, Salvation Army disaster relief is also flexible. The Salvation Army EDS can be adapted to the specific needs of individuals and communities and scalable according to the magnitude of the disaster. The core-services provided by the Salvation Army EDS are: Foodservice – a mobile canteen that is able to prepare up to 150 meals daily; Emergency Shelter; Emergency Assistance – direct financial assistance through trained caseworkers; Emotional, Spiritual Care – officers of the Salvation Army are trained and ordained clergy; Emergency Communications through The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) -- The Salvation Army Staff and The Salvation Army Officers who are licensed Amateur Radio Operators who want to help The Salvation Army with its emergency communication needs.

### **2. AGREEMENT**

The purpose of this document is to state the terms of a mutual agreement between SUMCO-ARES and SCAS-SATERN which provides access to this repeater system in order for Salvation Army to support their mission as stated above.

ARES agrees to make its repeater system available to Salvation Army for routine use, including a regularly scheduled weekly SATERN net and other uses as agreed upon by the ARES Emergency Coordinator, or his designated alternate. ARES will retain Primary Use of the repeater, and Salvation Army is granted a Secondary Use, which is not to interfere with ARES communications. During times of emergency such as earthquakes, floods, fires, tornados, transportation accidents, hazardous material releases, civil unrest, and other natural or manmade disasters, ARES will use the repeater for emergency communications and Salvation Army will yield use of the repeater system for the duration of the event.

ARES agrees that its repeater system can be used for SATERN training and public service events upon request. SATERN agrees that requests to use the repeater system will be made to ARES prior to the proposed date to avoid conflict with other scheduled use of the repeater system. ARES approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

ARES agrees that emergency use of its repeater requires no notification to ARES.

ARES further agrees that regularly scheduled events, such as weekly nets held by Salvation Army do not require individual approval provided the repeating event has been authorized by ARES.

ARES agrees that this agreement will automatically be extended to include any additional ARES repeater units which may be added to the system.

ARES cannot be held liable for failure of its repeater, whether or not the failure is caused by emergencies described above, or its future availability. ARES cannot be required to effect repairs to restore communications.

ARES acknowledges that Salvation Army can list the 444.55/449.55 Repeater system on its website and literature and handouts, in order to inform Salvation Army personnel of the frequency used for communications.

### 3. EXPENSES

ARES and Salvation Army agree that any expenses incurred as a result of collaboration or cooperation under the terms of this MOU shall be agreed upon in writing prior to incurring such expenses. In the absence of a written agreement, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses exclusively.

### 4. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The term of this agreement shall be ten years, starting March 22, 2011 and ending December 31, 2021. However, either party may terminate this memorandum upon 30 days written notice.

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