

COOPERATIVE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GREENE COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN RED CROSS AND THE SOUTHWEST MISSOURI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
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GENERAL

The American Radio Relay League and the American Red Cross have had a cooperative understanding since 1940.

The purpose of this agreement is to define the terms of understanding between the Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club and the Greene County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The intended purpose of this agreement is to provide a basis for coordinating facilities, equipment, and personnel when emergency circumstances arise, or for preparedness activities.

AUTHORITY

The American Red Cross received a mandate from Congress of the United States on January 5, 1989 to establish a system of disaster prevention and relief. The purpose and intent of the Red Cross mandate is to mitigate human suffering brought about by calamity.

The American Red Cross recognizes the mutual value of aligning with the Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club when disaster disrupts or renders useless, normal channels of communication.

METHOD OF COOPERATING

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS:

\*\*\*Offer room in its facility to house equipment which can be used for disaster communications.

\*\*\*Allow the Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club to conduct their regular monthly meetings, and special training classes at Red Cross on a scheduled basis.

\*\*\*Provide notification to representatives of the club when emergencies require members communication expertise.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB:

\*\*\*Promote increased membership within the club and encourage participation with the Greene County Chapter of the American Red Cross when emergencies arise.

\*\*\*Participate in a Greene County Chapter sponsored disaster drill at least one time per year.

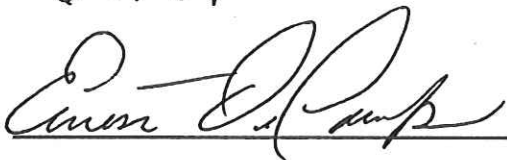
\*\*\*To respond when the Greene County Chapter of the American Red

Cross requests the special skills of members when emergencies arise. This will be primarily in the areas of Disaster Welfare Inquiries, and coordinating Damage Assessment and Feeding teams in the field. The initial 72 hour period is critical for involvement.

SUMMARY

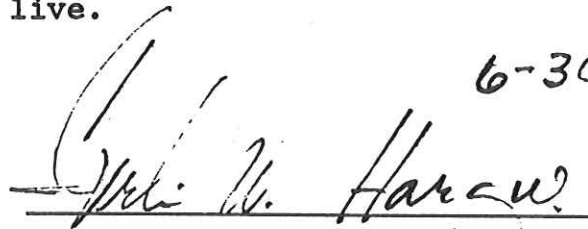
The two agencies agree to review the success of this understanding annually to ensure that our joint efforts serve to mutually benefit the community in which we live.

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