
ADDENDUM
Memorandum of Understanding
between the
City of Cupertino and the
Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service

1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to state additional elements of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Cupertino (City) and the Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES) as they relate to the Santa Clara County Fire Department (Department).

2. Organization of the Department

The Santa Clara County Fire Department is a California Fire Protection District serving Santa Clara County and the communities of Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Saratoga, and the unincorporated areas adjacent to these cities with ISO Class 2/8 services. The Department operates 3 stations in Cupertino – Cupertino Station, Monta Vista Station, and Seven Springs Station – with full time personnel around the clock. On activation of the City’s emergency plan, a Department representative responds to the EOC and supports the city as a member of the Operations Section.

3. Method of Cooperation

All methods of cooperation between the City and CARES as listed in the MOU additionally apply to the Department. Additionally, CARES and the Department agree to the following:

1. Whenever there is a disaster requiring amateur radio communications, the Department will request the assistance of CARES through the Operations Section of the City. This assistance may include:
 - Dispatching CARES members to Department Fire Stations
 - Establishing and maintaining portable station emergency communications between the Department stations and the EOC to handle loss of telephone services, direct links to the EOC, and passing messages from the community walk-ins
 - Establishing and maintaining mobile station communications between Department officials and the EOC as required (Shadows)
 - Maintaining the continuity of communications for the duration of the emergency period or until normal communications channels are substantially restored.
2. Distribute copies of this MOU and addendum to CARES organization members and relevant members of the Department.

4. Implementation

This Addendum shall take effect upon initialing by a Department representative, Cupertino City Manager and the CARES Emergency Coordinator.

SCC Fire Department

City Manager

CARES