



GLIDE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN

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Most planned scenarios involving Cascadia earthquake events predict normal communications platforms broken and most roads unusable in the affected area. In addition, after the Snowmageddon event in 2019 and the Archie Creek Fire in 2020, power and conventional communication paths, such as land-lines, internet, cell phone, became unavailable. The **Glide Community Emergency Communication Plan** was developed to address this concern.

In the next several months, the Glide Fire Department will be coordinating an outreach for the Glide Community Emergency Communication Plan (GCECP). This outreach will involve several meetings at the Fire Station with members of the public interested in participating in the GCECP. The goal of this outreach is to develop an emergency communication network that will be able to communicate community needs during catastrophic events when all other forms of communication are unavailable by February 2027. Specific meeting times and agenda items will be publicized via the Glide Fire Department website (glidefire.org), the Glide Rural Fire Protection District Facebook page, and posted at various locations within the Glide Rural Fire Protection District.

The intent of the GCECP is to provide a framework for emergency communications for communities within the Glide Rural Fire Protection District and surrounding areas. The GCECP describes how to use hand-held radios to communicate with local field teams, neighborhood Net Control (NC) operators, Glide Fire Department "Glide Base", and Douglas County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). By learning basic two-way radio operation skills and processes and practicing, each neighborhood will be better prepared to help their neighborhood and inform the Glide Fire Department in the event of an incident.

Individual neighborhoods that may become isolated during an emergency, may need to be able to communicate with emergency services via an alternative communication platform. Using simple-to-use General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) and/or Family Radio Service Radio (FRS) radio platforms, neighborhood volunteers, typically in groups of two with FRS radios, will be able to go door-to-door and report back to their neighborhood base station locations. The neighborhood base stations will summarize the information and with GMRS radios, transmit

the information to the Glide Fire Department (GFD). During drills and emergencies, there will be a licensed GMRS radio operator at the GFD. That operator will be referred to as “Glide Base” and will be using their GMRS call sign. The GFD will transmit the information to the Douglas County emergency services and/or respond accordingly. The specifics of this process are based on the procedures outlined in the Glide Community Emergency Communication Plan (GCECP). The intent is to practice these procedures through drills several times a year to be better prepared for real-life emergency situations. The better prepared as a community we are, the safer we are.

Information received by Glide Base Network Control will be provided to the Douglas County 911 and/or Emergency Operations Manager to formulate strategies to address the immediate community needs. This plan is a community-based network for emergency radio communications specifically using the FRS and GMRS radios. Although HAM radio operations are a valuable tool during limited communications, this plan does not address HAM operations during emergencies. However, as part of a separate program, GFD is outreaching to HAM operators and will have licensed HAM operators at the Fire Department to coordinate with Douglas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and other outside services via HF, VHF and UHF frequencies.

The Glide Community Emergency Communication Plan has designated six geographic Sections within the greater Glide area. They are listed as Glide Central, Glide North, Glide East, Glide South, Glide West, and 138 East Canyon. Each Section is further divided into specific neighborhoods for that Section. In total, there are 22 identified neighborhoods, within the greater Glide area considered in this plan.

Based on common physical access (i.e. no bridges) and favorable geography for the use of handheld radios, a specific location within one or several neighborhoods, be it a home or business, will be identified as a Neighborhood Assembly Point (NAP). Each neighborhood/community will determine the location of their respective NAP. Each NAP will have direct radio access to their specific neighborhood Net Control (NC). Currently, it is probable that out of the 22 identified neighborhoods, these neighborhoods will be consolidated into six Neighborhood NC stations. Each Neighborhood NC will be set up with base station radios that will be able communicate with Glide Base NC. Some areas further east on 138 East, may combine HAM VHF or HF radio bases stations to relay information due to the topography and distance to the GFD.

For more information on the Glide Community Emergency Communication Plan, please visit the Glide Fire Department website at glidefire.org.

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