

DISTRICT EMERGENCY COORDINATOR (DEC)

(Extracted from Section 29.3 of *Operations Training Manual RAC-ARES-OPS*)

The RAC District Emergency Coordinator is appointed by the SEC to supervise the efforts of local Emergency Coordinators in the defined district. The DEC's duties involve the following:

- Coordinate the training, organization and emergency participation of Emergency Coordinators in your district of jurisdiction.
- Make local decisions in the absence of the SEC or through coordination with the SEC, concerning the allotment of available amateurs and equipment during an emergency.
- Coordinate the interrelationship between local emergency plans and between communications networks within your District of jurisdiction.
- Act as backup for local areas without an Emergency Coordinator and assist in maintaining contact with governmental and other agencies within your District of jurisdiction.
- Provide direction in the routing and handling of emergency communications of either a formal or tactical nature, with specific emphasis being placed on Welfare traffic.
- Recommend EC appointments to the SEC.
- Coordinate the reporting and documenting of ARES activities in your District of jurisdiction.
- Act as a model emergency communicator as evidenced by dedication to purpose, reliability and understanding of emergency communications.
- Be fully conversant in National Traffic System routing and procedures as well as have a thorough understanding of the locale and role of all vital governmental and volunteer agencies that could be involved in an emergency.