



Disaster Strikes!

How Auxcomm is staged and deployed

Auxcomm Activation

- ARES and RACES are typically activated by the local Emergency Management Coordinator who usually has a close relationship with local ARES and RACES leaders
- Each of the other services has specific requirements for activation
- The Auxcomm working group will be providing much more detailed documentation on what we are about to present here

Auxcomm WG Concerns

- Local responders are not aware of the available assets
- Often there is no understanding about how to activate non-ARES services
- Even WRT ARES/RACES, the WG is concerned about bench depth – *in both directions*
 - If EC is unavailable, does EMC have AEC contact information
 - If EMC is unavailable, does deputy know how to activate volunteer services

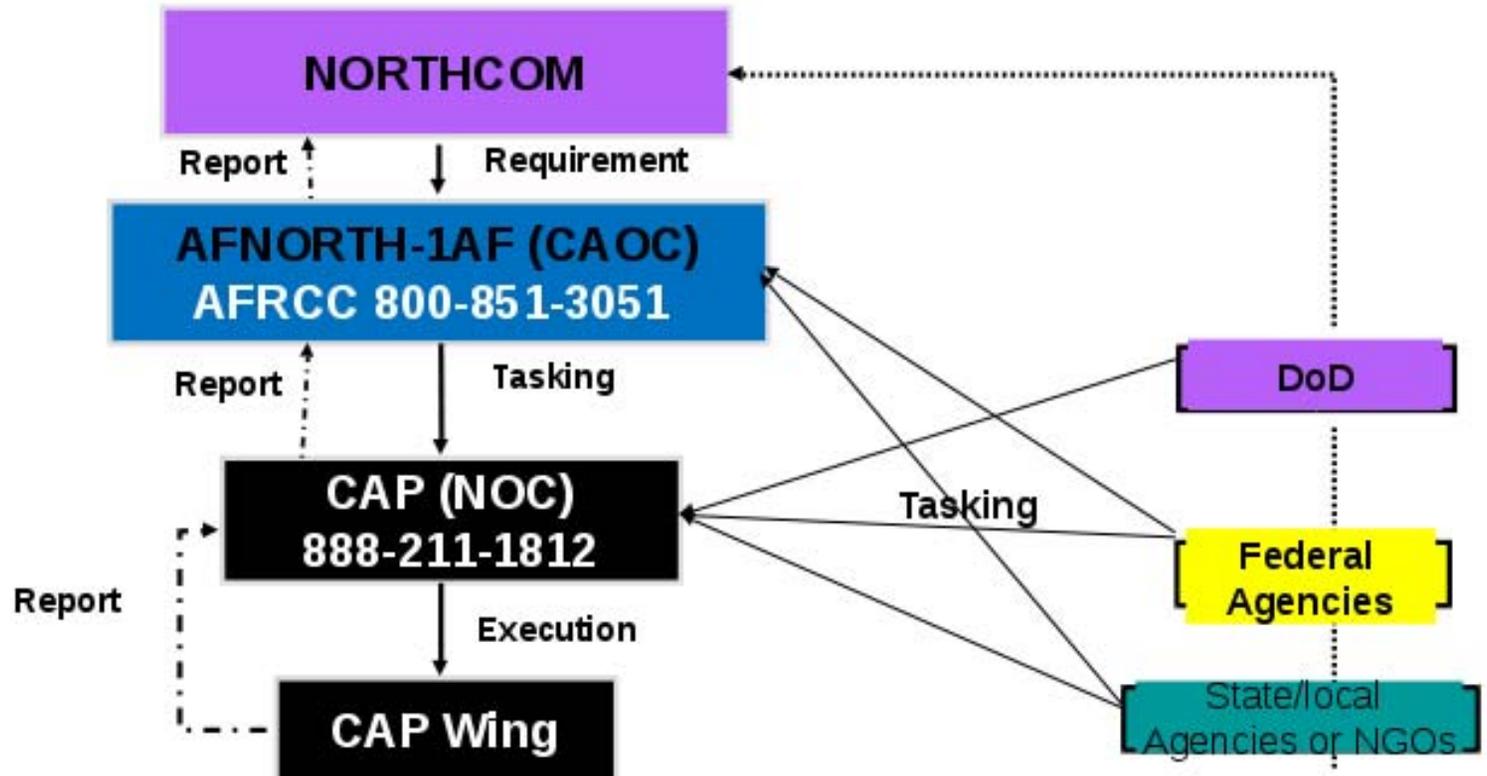
ARES

- ARES activates at the order of local emergency management
 - Local EM typically close relationship with ARES Emergency Coordinator
- ARES activates at the order of the National Weather Service (SKYWARN)
 - Usually page
- ARES activates in support of local, non-profit events

CAP

- To activate
 - Call MSP operations desk
 - Call the National Operations Center (NOC)
 - For life critical response (e.g. SAR) call Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC)
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MARS

- MSP Operations
 - FEMA can initiate MARS
 - MSP/EMHSD contacts FEMA
- Contact local MARS folks (Cortland Richmond)

RACES

- You cannot “activate” RACES
- Amateurs are eligible to operate in RACES when they are registered with their local Civil Defence organization
- Two ways to operate in RACES
 - In communication with a Federal station authorized by local government
 - Presidential declaration, in which case director OSTP determines privileges

RACES

- Often, ARES activation may be limited to RACES qualified stations
- Some roles in ARES activation may be limited to RACES qualified stations (most common)

SATERN

- Activation: by Request of EM or through The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Operations
- Often already on the scene due to their EDS mission