**Orange County Sheriff’s Department
County of Orange RACES**

**Communications Procedures Following an Earthquake**

**When an earthquake Is felt, with no observed damage or injuries and prior to an activation:**

* All City and County RACES members should switch their radios to the OCRACES 2-meter repeater on 146.895 MHz (136.5 Hz PL)
* Announce your call sign
* The first OCRACES member on frequency will assume net control duties until possibly relieved by an OCRACES officer
* Net control will state his observed earthquake intensity, using the Modified Mercalli (“Mike-Mike”) Earthquake Intensity Scale and the general area in which he is located
* Net control will then ask for other observations, recording call signs, Mike-Mike intensities, and general areas

**Following an activation and/or after a moderate to major earthquake:**

* Net control will ask for injury and major-damage reports first from MM7 or higher areas, then from MM1 to MM6 areas
* Intensity reports do not take priority; only injury and major-damage reports are acceptable following a moderate to major earthquake
* Give your status to net control (availability for deployment)