



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY NETWORK ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY COMMAND/  
9<sup>th</sup> SIGNAL COMMAND (ARMY)  
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
US ARMY NETWORK ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY COMMAND/  
9<sup>TH</sup> SIGNAL COMMAND (ARMY)  
AND  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF

SUBJECT: US Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (Army) (NETCOM/9<sup>th</sup> SC (A)) Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) Support of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR)

1. References.

- a. Department of Defense Instruction 4000.19, Interservice and Intragovernmental Support, 9 Aug 95.
- b. Army MARS National Emergency Operation Plan (OPLAN), 4 Apr 02.
- c. Army Regulation 25-6, Military Affiliate Radio System, 1 May 07.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Army MARS and the SBDR is to portray capabilities of each and to show what each offers to the other. Support will be provided by Volunteer MARS members.

3. Problem. The SBDR needs reliable long-distance communications connectivity when commercial services are disrupted. It is intended that leveraging each organization's capabilities, facilities, equipment, and personnel will provide better emergency response services in the continental United States (CONUS) during natural or man-made emergencies/disasters.

4. Scope. This MOU provides a cooperative understanding and implementation instructions between NETCOM/9<sup>th</sup> SC (A) and the SBDR for the use of Army MARS capabilities during SBDR emergency missions and mobilization. The responsibility for administration of this MOU will be through the SBDR's National Director, and the Chief, Army MARS, NETCOM/9<sup>th</sup> SC (A) Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Current Operations Division.

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5. Organizational/command relationships.

a. The SBDR is a nonprofit corporation providing emergency support and humanitarian relief in CONUS in response to natural and man-made disasters. SBDR has active membership in 42 state conventions.

b. NETCOM/9<sup>th</sup> SC (A) is a direct reporting unit of the Department of the Army's Chief Information Officer/G-6 and is the executive agent for the Army MARS program. Under the MARS program, military installations, units, communities, and Army MARS licensed radio stations and operators provide auxiliary and emergency communications for the Army and other authorized agencies.

6. Responsibilities.

a. The SBDR will:

(1) Provide SBDR liaison information to Chief, Army MARS.

(2) Provide coordinated emergency and location information to the Chief, Army MARS for communications support.

(3) Provide timely, appropriate, and necessary instructions regarding the type and purpose of the requested communications support (High frequency (HF) radio operations and e-mail over HF, training) to Chief, Army MARS, and integrate Army MARS capabilities and activation instructions into SBDR emergency communications plans.

(4) Provide an individual contact at the site of the designated incident(s) who will provide instructions to on-site or remote Army MARS members.

(5) Provide food and lodging to Army MARS members who deploy in support of SBDR emergency response situations. Food and lodging will be provided to Army MARS members at same level as provided to SBDR members.

b. NETCOM/9<sup>th</sup> SC (A) will:

(1) Provide training, volunteer operators, and access to Army MARS services to SBDR, as available and at no cost to the Army.

(2) In conjunction with the SBDR, develop/coordinate alert procedures and a communications support plan. The communications support plan will identify specific frequencies, call signs, and radio operator level duties to be used by SBDR members.

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(3) Integrate SBDR emergency communications plans into Army MARS emergency OPLANS.

(4) Participate in training exercises and missions with the SBDR as resources are available.

7. Resources.

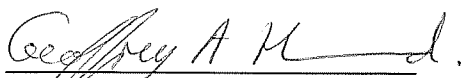
a. Army MARS support is provided, as available, from Army MARS stations and MARS volunteers at no cost to the supported activities other than that shown in paragraph 7.b. The support provided by MARS volunteers incurs no obligations other than individual dedication to executing the mission. Participation is strictly voluntary.

b. The SBDR will provide access to emergency power, as available and required, to support the purposes of this MOU during emergency deployments. The SBDR will provide food and lodging to Army MARS members who deploy in support of SBDR emergency response situations. Food and lodging will be at same levels as provided to SBDR members.


8. Terms of agreement.

a. This agreement is effective upon signature by both parties and will remain in effect until rescinded or changed by mutual agreement. Modifications to this agreement will be through written amendments and will be developed as appropriate. This MOU may be terminated by consent of both parties hereto or by the provision of 30 days advance notice, in writing, by either party hereto of intention to terminate.

b. The provisions of this agreement will remain in force and will be reviewed biennially by SBDR and NETCOM/9<sup>th</sup> SC (A) a minimum of 60 days prior to the anniversary date of signature.

  
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North American Mission Board  
Southern Baptist Disaster Relief

7/24/08  
(Date)

  
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13 Aug 08  
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