

Williamson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service WCARES



Agenda

- **Mission Statement**
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ARES Mission

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service, a program of the ARRL, offers to its partners at all levels, trained Amateur Radio Service licensees who are skilled in the use of a wide range of emergency and disaster communications techniques and who are committed to supporting our partners' missions in service to the public.

ARES Vision

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®), a program of ARRL, The national association for Amateur Radio®, is comprised of **organized**, **trained**, **qualified**, and **certified** Amateur Radio operators who augment and support vital communications on behalf of the public through partner agencies and organizations during emergencies and disasters. The Amateur Radio Emergency Service, through its volunteer radio communicators, strives to be an effective partner in emergency and disaster response, providing public service partners at all levels with radio communications expertise, capability, and capacity.

Organization

- **Structure**
- **Leadership**
- **Activation**
- **ARES CONNECT**

Structure

Emergency Coordinators (ECs) and Assistant Ecs
WB4RHQ Ed Hudgens

District Emergency Coordinators (DECs) and
Assistant DECs
Currently open

Section Emergency Coordinators (SECs) and
Assistant SECs
WB5WAJ Jeff Standifer

Section Manager (SM) and Assistant SMs
KM4NYI David Thomas

WCARES Leadership

- **EC** – WB4RHQ Ed Hudgens
- **AEC** – KA4OTB Jack Cox, Randy Moore
KK4SRO, and WB5WAJ Jeff Standifer
- **Committee Members** – Cliff Batson, Tim
Kreth, Jeff Schwartz, David Holmes, Laura
Marler, and R J Jansen

Activation

- **ARES emergency operations are activated (ACTIVATION LEVEL) by a request from Local Emergency Management Officials or other Served Agencies. The EC is authorized to activate personnel within their own County after the request is received.**
- **The EC communicates activation to all ARES members listed on their County roster. Activation may be by phone, text, radio or other method. The EC uses the ICS-211 to keep track of ARES personnel activated for the emergency. The DEC and SEC are notified of activation as soon as practical.**

Activation

- **The DEC and SEC may elect to place regions or the entire Section in ALERT or STANDBY status ahead of approaching severe weather, or on the anticipation of a communications emergency.**

Activation

LEVEL	Net Activity	Frequency	What to do:
Normal	None	Local	Normal day
Alert	None	Locally Assigned	Monitor in severe weather or during other community emergencies for possible net activation. Notify EC / DEC for availability. Prepare Equipment & Supplies.
Standby	Possible directed net by EC to coordinate available stations and needs if activated.	Locally Assigned	Monitor in severe weather or during other community emergencies for possible net activation. Equipment / Supplies are Ready.
Activation	Full-time NET	Locally Assigned	All members should check-in to NCS and expect to handle assignments or deployment.
EVENT	Full-time NET	Locally Assigned	All members should check-in to NCS and expect to handle assignments or deployment.

ARES CONNECT

- **National database for ARES volunteers.**
- **The new “National Standard”**
- **Up to the minute reporting of active members, activities, and participation.**
- **ECs and DECAs can:**
 - **Manage their active rosters (DO NOT DELETE ACCOUNTS!!!)**
 - **Create events**
 - **Communicate en mass to your members (email only, ARRL currently assessing cost for including text feature)**
 - **Log hours**
 - **Check out Admin training at <http://bit.ly/2Xcru8s> (link is case sensitive)**

ARES CONNECT

To Sign Up As An ARES Member

<https://arri.volunteerhub.com>

Training

- Training is **REQUIRED**.
- **ARRL Courses**
 - EC-001: Intro to EmComm (Online, 45 hours over 9 weeks)
 - EC-016: EmComm Management (Online)
- **FEMA Courses**
 - Online
 - ICS-100c, ICS-200c, ICS-700b, ICS-800c
 - Classroom
 - ICS-300, ICS-400
- **Others as needed or specified by agency:**
 - Skywarn
 - CERT
 - American Red Cross

Training

- **Three levels of participation**
- **Level One**
 - Entry level with no training
 - Progress through ARRL EmComm
 - Progress through FEMA ICS courses
- **Level Two**
 - “Standard” level for ARES Participants
- **Level Three**
 - Complete ICS-300, ICS-400
 - Qualifies for Leadership positions
 - EC, DEC, ASEC, and SEC

Qualification

- **Training qualifies members to do what?**
- **Level One**
 - Can perform most duties outside of an EOC. (Stormspotting, damage assessment, comm operator at shelters/NGO comm centers)
 - Target goal – Level Two in ONE (1) year.
- **Level Two**
 - Normal participation level
 - Able to access most sites and EOCs (*IF ALLOWED BY AGENCY*)
- **Level Three**
 - Full access as authorized by AHJ.
 - Qualified for ARES Leadership.

Certification

- **ARRL will provide a basic ID.**
 - Serves to recognize your affiliation with ARES Nationally.
 - Indicates your level of training completed.
 - DOES NOT confer site access.
- **AHJ (Authority having jurisdiction) granted ID.**
 - Confers access to EOC, Command Center, TOC, TAC, scene etc.
 - Issued by AHJ (they giveth and can taketh away)
 - AHJ may have additional requirements (background check, security clearances, etc.)

How Can You Help?

- **Stay “Radio Active”**
- **Recruit, Recruit, RECRUIT**
- **Complete your training!**
- **Join a local club!**
- **Join the ARRL!**

QUESTIONS?

Tennessee Military Department Patriot Medals



Waterman (second from left) and Sherrod (third from left), receive their medals from the Military Department of Tennessee.

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