

Many thanks for volunteering to join ARES. If you have not already registered, please visit https://secure.ema.arrl.org/qilan/ares/WMA/ARES_membership_app_new to register in our membership database. Or, visit <https://wma.arrl.org/#> then go to Emergency Communications, then go to ARES Membership Registration System. Enter a new application and it will go to your Emergency Coordinator.

ARES is a part of the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio.

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ARES Level 1 Basic Membership

There is no requirement to achieve any level of training to participate in ARES. All licensed amateur radio operators are welcome to join ARES. Many members do wish to complete the Level 1 Basic training courses, as those are the minimum level expected to volunteer with some agencies.

The chart below explains the Level 1 Basic requirements for ARES membership. Note that at this level you do not need to be an ARRL member. Items highlighted in green are Required.

Education			
IS-100 Intro to Incident Command System*	R		
IS-700 Introduction to National Incident Mgt. System*	R		
IS-200 Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response*	E		
IS-800 National Response Framework, An Introduction*	E		
SKYWARN - Spotter Basic Training (Biennially)	O		
Basic EmComm Course	R		
Comment: *Sets initial baseline requirements. Will likely be insufficient for deployment at an incident. All FEMA IS Courses are current version. Old versions are no longer accepted. These IS courses are online courses and will require you to obtain a FEMA student ID.			
Participation			
Obtain Task Book	R		
Join an ARES® group	R		
Comment:			
Proficiency/Skill			
Obtain Technician class or higher Amateur Radio License	R		

Attached is an ARES Task Book, in both Word and PDF formats. You may use whichever one is more convenient for you. The Task Book is your permanent record of training and experience, so please safeguard it. As you complete the requirements, please provide proof to your Emergency Coordinator. They will return the signed-off pages for you to insert in your Task Book.

ARES Level 1 Basic members are considered to be capable of participating from home. The most common type of participation is checking into ARES nets on either VHF/UHF or HF bands. These nets often gather situational awareness information on infrastructure or weather conditions.

ARES Level 1 Basic members may also volunteer for community events such as parades, road races, and other public events. There is no requirement to train beyond Level 1 Basic.

The ARRL offers free ARES training at: <https://learn.arrl.org>. The basic EmComm course is designed to provide basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer. The Basic Emcomm course contains three modules and 11 topics, including required prerequisites, and is expected to take approximately 10 – 20 hours to complete.

FEMA Training is available at <https://training.fema.gov/is/>. Although optional, many ARES members complete the SKYWARN training. You may find these classes at <https://www.weather.gov/box/skywarn> or <https://www.weather.gov/aly/skywarn>.

ARES Level 2 Intermediate Membership

ARES Level 2 Intermediate members have increased requirements. Please note that in order to maintain Level 2 Intermediate membership you must check in to an ARES net once per calendar quarter.

Education			
IS-100 - Intro to Incident Command System***	R		
IS-200 – ICS for Single Resource***	R		
IS-700 – Introduction to National Incident Mgt. System***	R		
IS-800 – National Response Framework***	R		
IS-802 – Emergency Support Function (ESF) #2 – Communications***	E		
Intermediate EmComm Course	R		
SKYWARN Spotter Basic Training (Biennially)	E		
Comment: *These should be considered as meeting the minimum requirements for deployment at an Incident. Local EMA authorities may require additional training.			
Participation			
Net Participation (Once per Quarter)	R		
Public Service Event Participation	E		
Simulated Emergency Test, Field Day or Exercise Participation (Annually)	O		
Serve as Net Control	O		
Comment:			
Proficiency/Skill			
Program tone into HT	R		
Program frequency & offset into radio	R		
Write and send an ICS-213 message	R		
Operate VHF Digital messaging station	O		
Operate unit specific Digital VHF or HF station	O		
Build a simple dipole antenna**	E		
Build Powerpole® type adapter cable**	E		
Solder PL259 connector to coax**	E		
Assemble a 24-hour Deployment Kit*	E		

The Intermediate EmComm course is designed to provide more in-depth knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer. The course contains six modules and thirty topics including required prerequisites and is expected to take several hours to complete.

ARES Level 2 Intermediate members are considered suitable for deployment in support of a served agency when requested, as they have demonstrated the skills and have completed the training courses currently required.

On-Air Activities

Visit https://wma.arrl.org/wp-content/uploads/WMA_Ham_Nets.pdf for a complete list of nets.

80 Meters/75 Meters

3.930 MEMA State RACES Net First Monday of each month 6:45 PM local

3.944 Western MA Emergency Net Sundays at 0830

40 Meters

7.234 NY, New England SKYWARN Net Sunday 9:30 AM ET

7.268 Hurricane Watch Net (East Coast)/Waterway Net

20 Meters

14.265 SATERN Monday – Saturday 11 AM ET

14.325 Hurricane Watch Net (East Coast) When needed

VHF/UHF

Mondays:

0900 Mt Tom 147.000 127.3 WMA Hospital Emer.Net 1st Monday each month

1900 Mt Greylock 146.910 162.2 WMA RACES/ARES net 1st Monday each month

1930 Mt Tom 146.940 127.3 WMA RACES/ARES net 1st Monday each month

Tuesdays:

1930 Mt Tom 146.940 127.3 Hampshire County ARES Net

2000 Leydon 146.985 136.5 FCARA VHF ARES Net

Sundays:

0845 Mt Tom 146.940 127.3 Hamden/Hampshire County ARES Net

0850 Worcester 147.210 88.5 SW Worcester ARES Net

0900 Fitchburg, MA 145.450- 74.4 W1GZ repeater. Montachusett Amateur Radio Association ARES Net (Linked with Gardner 145.37 pl 136.5 and IRLP9127)

0900 Greylock, MA 146.910- 162.2 Western Massachusetts ARES Net

0915 Paxton, MA 146.970- 114.8 Worcester County ARES Net

0915 Mt Tom 443.200 127.3 Hamden/Hampshire UHF ARES Net

0915 Paxton 146.970 114.8 Worcester ARES net

0930 Greylock, MA 53.23-/162.2 Western Massachusetts ARES Net

0945 Greylock, MA 449.425-/162.2 Western Massachusetts ARES Net

1000 Greylock, MA 224.10 out, 222.5 in, PL 162.2 Western Massachusetts ARES Net

