



# ARES Meeting Agenda - 05/15/24

- Welcome to Our Guests
- ARRL Training Changes Coming
- Exercise Opportunity with Woodford County
- Upcoming RATPAC Programs
- Net Control Operators Wanted
- Emergency Expo – Save the Date
- ARES Net Reminders



# Welcome to our Guests

- Thanks for joining us tonight
- ARES - Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- For those new to ARES, we do 3 major things:
  - Severe Weather – Storm Spotting
  - Communications Support for Community Events
  - Emergency Communications for Served Agencies
- Major Tools that we utilize:
  - Ham Radios, typically VHF and/or HF gear, including Go-Kits
  - Winlink Express software for over-the-radio email messages
  - Internet Email and text messaging for inter-team communications
- Training – more to ARES than holding a microphone and talking



# ARRL Training Changes Coming

- ARRL has discontinued the ARRL Emergency Communications training courses EC-001 and EC-016, effective April 1
- New Basic EmComm course has been launched, and a new Intermediate EmComm course is coming/ready
- We already have one PC ARES Member who has completed Basic
- An Advanced EmComm course will be released by the end of June
- An ARES leadership course coming in the near future
- Expect changes to ARES Position Task Books
- Use this link: <http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog>
- Or: <https://learn.arrl.org/courses>
- This link is bad: <http://www.arrl.org/online-course-registration>



# Training Documentation

- Now at 13 of 25 ARES members who have submitted a training record
- This record can be in either one of two methods:
  - Training Documentation Fillable Form (our website)
  - Via an ARRL Taskbook
- *Everyone who recently attended Storm Spotter Training has at least that class to submit as ARES Training*



# Training Resources

- Training Documentation Form
  - Also on our website – on the “Training” Tab
  - <https://www.peoriacountyares.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Training-Documentation-Fillable-Form.pdf>
- How to get a FEMA Student ID (SID)
  - Go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>
- FEMA Training for IS 100, 200, 700, & 800
  - Go to <https://training.fema.gov>
- More details in our 07-20-2022 Meeting slides
  - <https://www.peoriacountyares.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ARES-Meeting-07-20-2022.pdf>



# Exercise Opportunity - Woodford ARES

- Woodford County ARES is developing an ARES Live Exercise to help train their people and give them some practice passing traffic
- On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, they will be exercising from 8:30 to noon from the EOC in Roanoke, and at nearby simulated Emergency Shelters. They will be passing canned, prepared messages, using both Voice and Winlink.
- They are meeting tonight and hope to learn how many of their folks will be participating.
- There may one or more spots where some of you could act as a remote Red Cross Operations Center radio operator, receiving the above traffic and replying with the appropriate associated canned reply message.
- I believe that you could participate in the above way using your home station, assuming that you can reach their Roanoke repeater, which is on 145.610. Lengthy QSO's will be moved over to Simplex 147.570. Should be no need to setup in the field for this.
- Alternately, you could participate on the scene in Roanoke, playing the part of a station in an Emergency Shelter. Bring a portable VHF station for voice & Winlink.
- You will also document your efforts on an ICS-214 form.
- If you are interested, contact Will Snyder of Woodford ARES at [will\\_snyder@hotmail.com](mailto:will_snyder@hotmail.com)



# Upcoming RATPAC Presentations

May 15, 2024	No RATPAC - Hamvention
May 16, 2024	No RATPAC - Hamvention
May 22, 2024	Organizing Your Digital Assets
May 23, 2024	Annual ARRL Field Day Update & Planning
May 29, 2024	Maritime N. California Coastal Station History

Held Wednesday & Thursday via - Zoom 8:00 PM CT / 02:00 UTC

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2128884758?pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZiWmhXaEdwdz09>  
Zoom Passcode- RATPAC

RATPAC Video Presentations Lists: <http://tiny.cc/ratpac-list>



# Net Control Operators Wanted

- Want to get more folks involved doing Net Control for the ARES Nets (one net per month)
- Rich KD9ANU will do the first Net of the month, a volunteer does the second Net of the month
- Our net is quite easy, the script is on our website
- A form to record check-ins is now available
- Just do one set of check-ins using 075 repeater
- Let's get some folks volunteering
- 7 more volunteers needed for 2024





# Net Control Operators Wanted

- Mar 13 – Brett, KD9PXZ
- Apr 10 – Brett, KD9PXZ
- May 1 – Brett, KD9PXZ
- Jun 12 - \_\_\_\_\_
- Jul 10 -
- Aug 14 -
- Sept 11 -
- Oct 9 -
- Nov 13 -
- Dec 11 -



# Save the Date – Emergency Expo

- Emergency Expo continues this year
- As usual, will be at Shoppes at Grand Prairie
- Thursday, July 25th



# ARES Net Reminders

- Illinois State ARES HF Net
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of month at 4:30 PM CST
  - 3.905 MHz LSB (alternate 7.227 MHz LSB) & Echolink 824404
  - Informal 60M & 40M check in - (7227 KHz) at 4:10 PM
  - 60M check at 4:20 pm (5403.5 kHz Channel 5, if busy then 1, 2, 3, 4)
- Illinois Digital Net every Wednesday 8:00 PM on Illinois Link
  - WIRES X 21565
  - Brandmeister DMR 31171
  - TGIF DMR 31171, DMR+ Reflector 4636
  - NXDN 3117
  - P25 31171
  - YSF Reflector Illinois Link 83132
  - D-Star XLX 334G, DCS 334G, XRF 334G, and XLX 312G
  - Allstar Link 42810



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