



Amateur Radio Emergency Service® [ARES®]



The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

Amateur Radio Operators use their training, skills, and equipment to provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) consists of radio amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes.

ARES volunteers provide communications for:

- Government agencies
- Disaster relief organizations
- Public service events
- Emergencies or disasters
- Training exercises

ARES radio operators receive training in:

- Message handling
- Communication technology
- Administrative procedures
- Disaster preparedness



ARRL's volunteer amateur radio operators help their communities in good times and bad through community events, disaster response, and various programs.

Get Involved in ARES

- Ask local hams about involvement
- Contact your Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator, [arrl.org/sections](https://www.arrl.org/sections)
- Join local radio clubs, [arrl.org/clubs](https://www.arrl.org/clubs)
- Be “radio active” — Get on the air as often as possible
- Attend SKYWARN® training, [weather.gov/SKYWARN](https://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN)
- Learn more about ARES, [arrl.org/ares](https://www.arrl.org/ares)
- Reach out to ARRL for assistance, email ares@arrl.org

Contact Your Local ARES Group or ARRL Affiliated Club

