

Where and When does DuPage ARES meet?

DuPage ARES meets the second Monday of the month at 7 PM in the training room of DuPage County OHSEM, 418 N. County Farm Road, in Wheaton.

How do I Register with DuPage ARES?

Complete a DuPage ARES Form FSC-98 and either mail it to:

DuPage ARES, INC,
PO Box 88266
Carol Stream, IL 60188-5204

or scan and email it to:

KF9IO@arrl.net

FSD-98 is available at our website at:

<https://dupagecountyares.org/>

Our Repeaters

W9AUX 442.050, +5MHz Offset, PL 114.8 Fusion (Mixed mode)

W9AUX 146.655, -600 KHz Offset, PL 107.2 Fusion (Mixed mode)

Our Nets

DuPage ARES Nets are held on the 1st (Voice - FM Analog) and 3rd (Digital) Tuesdays of each month at 7 pm on the W9AUX 442.050 UHF Repeater, backup W9AUX VHF 146.655 (see above).

Digital nets alternate between MT63-2000L and EasyPal modes.

DuPage ARES members participate in the Illinois State-Wide WINLINK VHF network on 145.610 MHz. Local Winlink Packet gateways include K9EW-10 and NE9MA-10

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What is ARES?

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a program in which radio amateurs (hams) register their willingness to be available to provide communications in an emergency.

What Commitment Is Involved?

You can be as active in ARES drills, training, and public service activities as time and other obligations allow. But the more you participate, the better your communications skills will become.

ARES calls itself an "Emergency Service." Why does ARES support non-emergency Public Service Events?

Two reasons: (1) to support the community; and (2) to exercise our equipment and skills. A third might also be mentioned . . . to increase public awareness of amateur radio.

How is ARES Organized?

At the state level, there is the State Emergency Coordinator (SEC). He is supported by Assistant SEC's and District Emergency Coordinators (DEC). In Illinois, most local ARES groups are organized at the county level, although big counties may be split.

ARES is a program of the ARRL. Do I have to be a member of the ARRL to take part in ARES?

No. ARES is open to any licensed radio amateur with an interest in emergency communications and/or public service

I am a member of my village's EMA or RACES team. Will ARES compete with this?

No, unless there is a time conflict for drills. We hope that taking part in ARES will hone your communications skills. In a real emergency, each communicator will decide to go where he or she is most needed.

Do you Support non-ARES activities?

Emphatically YES! We encourage all hams to take part in whatever interests them. Examples include national hurricane nets, SATERN, local Skywarn and RACES, the amateur setup at NWS LOT . . . and many more!

What modes does DuPage ARES use?

Analog FM, both simplex and using our two fixed (VHF and UHF) and portable repeaters. VHF/UHF Digital - fldigi, EasyPal, and Winlink. HF SSB Voice and digital modes, including Winmor, and looking into PACTOR and ARDOP.

My Club already supports public service activities. How can ARES help?

If you need participants, let us know and we'll publicize the event among our members. If you have special technical or equipment needs, we might also be able to help.

How does ARES relate to this new AUXCOM I've read about?

AUXCOM provides a place for non-"Public Safety" radio systems in the ICS structure, which is now the national standard for organizing responses to emergencies. Amateur Radio is the core of AUXCOM. In any particular situation, Incident Commanders and Communications Leaders (COML) will decide if and what kind of an AUXCOM response might be needed.

ARES is working to build relationships with served jurisdictions so that we can supply a cadre of skilled and reliable communicators who meet the exacting standards of the professional responders.