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Iredell County
Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Member Registration
Part 1 (Revision 5)
Understanding and Agreement

Understanding

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a voluntary organization of licensed radio amateurs who have registered their capabilities and equipment for providing emergency communications as a public service to the community, county and state. The purpose of ARES is to furnish **communications** in the event of natural disaster or an emergency, **when regular communications fail or are inadequate**. Sponsored by ARRL, the ARES functions at the local level to meet local **communications** needs.

The ARES in each locality operates under the direction of the Emergency Coordinator [EC] and/or the District Emergency Coordinator [DEC], whose function is to direct the activities of the ARES to maintain a **"state of readiness"**.

To register in the Iredell County ARES, read, sign and date this Page 1 and complete the Registration Form on page 2 then give it directly to your EC or DEC. ARRL or ICARS membership is NOT required to be an ARES member.

Registration does NOT require possession of any specially designed equipment. All amateurs can be of assistance to the ARES. There is provision in the ARES for every amateur regardless of his or her class of license, equipment owned or personal reasons.

All Iredell County ARES members will be required to have an **"ARES ID Card" with their photo on it**. Wear it at ALL times when the Iredell County ARES is activated and called into service, whether it be a SET, TRAINING EXERCISE, or a real EMERGENCY.

A special **County ID** is required to enter the Emergency Operations Center in Statesville, NC.

In Iredell County, the ICARS two meter FM repeater on 146.085 input / 146.685 output will be activated by an ARES volunteer NCS operator, and: **1st)** The NCS operator will make an announcement of ARES activation and begin asking for members to check in. **2nd)** The NCS operator will use the ARES **"Muster Log"** to list those members checking in. **3rd)** The NCS operator will assign a fixed 2m FM station to establish and maintain communications with the Mecklenburg County 2m FM ARES Net. This fixed station will require two 2m FM transceivers, one for the local ARES Net and one for Mecklenburg County ARES Net. And **4th)** The NCS operator will open and maintain an ARES **"Net Roster"** and relay that Net Roster information to his or her successor(s) before being relieved.

All ARES members checking into an ARES Net must remain in the Net until the NCS operator releases them for rest, personal reasons, or Net is closed.

After the "Muster" ARES members will be asked to report to some location for further assignment. Members should report fully prepared to be deployed immediately to any location in Iredell County and for a period of 8 hours or more. **All members must be able to handle formal messages in the ARRL Radiogram and Health & Welfare formats without hesitation. Knowledge of the County "Speed Letter" is required.**

When a HF station is needed for long range communications, such as into Raleigh, NC State EOC, the local ARES NCS operator will assign an ARES member to activate his or her **home QTH HF station**. Call sign of the NC State EOC is NC4EO. NC ARES HF Net frequencies are **3923 kHz, 3927 kHz** (alternate) and **7232 kHz** (alternate). Mobile HF stations could be called into service as well. These HF stations must also maintain communications with the local 2-meter FM ARES net that has been activated.

Please join the Iredell County ARES group and volunteer your time and equipment.

Agreement

Registrants Statement:

I have read and fully understand the information on this page. Any questions I had have been answered. I'm ready to join the Iredell County ARES.

As a Member, I agree to: Follow the EC, DEC and NCS's instructions and maintain a "state of readiness".

I, _____ do hereby apply for membership into the Iredell
(Applicants Signature must appear here)

County ARES on this date of: _____
(Date of Signature must appear here)

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