

Wisconsin ARES/RACES Southeast District Certification and Credentialing Opportunity

The Wisconsin ARES/RACES SE District is providing an opportunity for all licensed amateur radio operators to receive instruction for FEMA ICS courses 100, 700, 200, and 800. These courses are required for basic and advanced certification and credentialing for Wisconsin ARES/RACES. They are also of value for any operators who may wish to participate in emergency communications.

The facilitator for these courses will be Skip Sharpe, W9REL, RACES CRO and SEC for Training. The instruction will take place at the New Berlin City Hall Common Council Chamber, 3805 S. Casper Drive, New Berlin 53151. The first course, ICS 700, National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction, will be on Saturday, January 19, 2019, from 0900 to 1200. Since there is not a student manual for these courses, please come prepared with a laptop computer or a course printout from the FEMA website. All attendees are encouraged to complete the online final exam at the end of the session. A FEMA student identification number (SID) is required to get credit for the final exam. Obtaining an SID is extremely simple and painless; go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid> and fill in the blanks. It can take up to 24 hours to receive your SID.

Meetings for the subsequent 3 courses will take place over the following 3 months at the same location and times; the courses and dates are as follows:

Saturday, February 16 - ICS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
Saturday, March 16 - ICS 800 National Response Framework, An Introduction
Saturday, April 13 - ICS 200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incident

Please contact DEC Art Davidson, AC9CD, if you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity for learning/review of these required courses. Thank you for your dedication and participation in emergency communications and Wisconsin ARES/RACES.

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