



Wisconsin ARES/RACES Standard Operating Guideline



SOG 103 Membership in Wisconsin ARES/RACES

1 103.1. Membership, General: “The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) consists of
2 licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for
3 communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Every licensed amateur,
4 regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization, is eligible for
5 membership in the ARES. The only qualification, other than possession of an Amateur Radio
6 license, is a sincere desire to serve. Because ARES is an amateur service, only amateurs are
7 eligible for membership. The possession of emergency-powered equipment is desirable, but is
8 not a requirement for membership.”¹

9 103.2. Membership in Wisconsin ARES/RACES (WI ARES/RACES) is not required to:

10 103.2.1. Attend ARES/RACES meetings.

11 103.2.2. Participate in certain ARES/RACES non-emergency related functions with the
12 approval of the Emergency Coordinator (EC) in whose jurisdiction the event is being
13 held.

14 103.3. Membership in WI ARES/RACES is required to:

15 103.3.1. Participate in most emergency communications incident/events.

16 103.4. Application for Membership: Any licensed amateur radio operator, who wishes to
17 belong to WI ARES/RACES, should contact the EC for his/her locality.

18 103.4.1. The names, callsigns, and email addresses for county ECs are available on the
19 internet at <http://www.wi-aresraces.org>. Click on “County” under “Leadership” on the
20 left side of the page.

¹ (2007). *Public Service Communications Manual*. Newington, CT.: American Radio Relay League

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1 103.4.2. The names, callsigns, and email addresses for special ECs (City of Watertown
2 and National Weather Service offices) are available on the internet at [http://www.wi-
3 aresraces.org](http://www.wi-aresraces.org). Click on “Special” under “Leadership” on the left side of the page.

4 103.4.3. Membership Acceptance: Acceptance of an application membership is at the
5 discretion of the EC.

6 103.5. Maintaining Membership:

7 103.5.1. Required Training:

8 103.5.1.1. All members of WI ARES/RACES prior to December 31, 2006 are
9 required to complete FEMA courses ICS-100 “Introduction of the Incident
10 Command System” and IS-700 “NIMS-An Introduction” by December 31, 2006.

11 103.5.1.1.1. Submit a copy of course completion certificate to the EC.

12 103.5.1.2. All persons joining WI ARES/RACES after January 1^t, 2007 are
13 required to complete FEMA courses ICS-100 “Introduction of the Incident
14 Command System” and IS-700 “NIMS-An Introduction” within six months of
15 becoming an ARES/RACES member.

16 103.5.1.2.1. Submit a copy of course completion certificate to the EC.

17 103.5.2. Required Activity: In order to remain a member of WI ARES/RACES,
18 each member must:

19 103.5.2.1. Participate in at least 12 home county ARES/RACES training nets
20 each year.

21 103.5.2.2. Participate in at least one ARES/RACES activation each year. An
22 activation may be for a Skywarn operation, tornado or other emergency
23 operation or other activation.

24 103.5.2.3. Attend at least one ARES/RACES meeting each year.

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1 103.5.2.4. Send one NTS radiogram each year indicating that the member
2 is interested in continuing his/her membership in WI ARES/RACES. The
3 message may be sent over the air, conventional email, WinLink 2000, or
4 other means. The message must be in NTS message format.

5 103.5.2.5. Be recognized as a contributor to the WI ARES/RACES team by
6 the EC.

7 103.5.2.6. Attend Skywarn training at least once each two years.

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