

Wisconsin
ARES/RACES

Communications
Resources

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*Amateur Radio Emergency
Service (ARES)*





*Radio Amateur Civil Emergency
Service (RACES)*



*Two Organizations
One Purpose
One Group
One Leadership*






Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)



- ◆ Sponsored by the American Radio Relay League
- ◆ Private Non-Profit Organization
- ◆ Flexible & Adaptable




Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)






- ◆ Sponsored by FEMA
- ◆ Controlled by Wisconsin Emergency Management
- ◆ Enjoys certain advantages in national emergencies

The Wisconsin ARES/RACES Mission:

- ◆ Provide a source of reliable backup communications:
 - Wisconsin Emergency Management
 - Local public safety agencies
 - Private sector and VOAD partners
- ◆ In the event of:
 - Local, state or national emergency
 - Planned events



Wisconsin ARES/RACES

◆ Ham radio is the KISS principle in action!

- Simple
- Reliable
- Robust
- Distributed





Wisconsin Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

- ◆ County level groups in 63 counties.
- ◆ All National Weather Service Offices.
- ◆ Many county EOCs have ham stations.
- ◆ Majority of Wisconsin hospitals equipped.





Wisconsin Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

- ◆ Over 1200 federally licensed ham radio operators.
- ◆ Short and long haul communications capabilities.
- ◆ Voice and digital modes available.





**Wisconsin Amateur Radio
Emergency Service (ARES)**



◆ NIMS compliant.

- Operating within the Incident Command System.
- Organized state & local communications plans.
- Members trained in accordance with NIMS.



◆ A Private, Non-Profit, 501(c3) Corporation

- Supporting/facilitating emergency, disaster, and public service communications.
- Construct and maintain a statewide voice and digital wireless two-way communications network.



**Wisconsin Amateur Radio
Emergency Service (ARES)**



◆ What Can You Do?

- Contact your local ARES/RACES emergency coordinator.
- Include ARES/RACES in exercises.
- Consider ARES/RACES in emergency plans

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Questions Answered Free !

(Remember, You get what you pay for. 😊)



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