101. Wisconsin ARES/RACES fulfills its missions by operating at two levels:

101.1. **Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES):** ARES is a function of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), a private corporation with headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. The State of Wisconsin is an ARRL Section and is part of the ARRL’s Central Division.

101.1.1. **Section Manager:** At the section level, ARRL operations are the responsibility of the Section Manager, a member in good standing in the ARRL, who is elected biannually by the Wisconsin ARRL membership.

101.1.2. **Section Emergency Coordinator:** The Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) is appointed by the Section Manager. The SEC, a member in good standing in the ARRL, holds a current FCC amateur radio General Class, or higher, license and is directly responsible for all ARES activities in Wisconsin. The SEC may serve the dual role of Wisconsin RACES Chief Radio Officer.

101.1.2.1. **Assistant Section Emergency Coordinators (ASECs)** are appointed by the SEC and advise the SEC as directed. ASECs are members in good standing in the ARRL.

101.1.2.2. Subordinate emergency coordinator positions are appointed by the SEC and serve at the direction of the SEC.

101.1.3. **District Emergency Coordinators:** A District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) is appointed for each of the six Wisconsin ARES/RACES districts. DECs hold a current FCC amateur radio Technician Class, or higher, license and are
members in good standing in the ARRL and are responsible to the SEC for all
ARES/RACES activities within his/her district.

101.1.3.1. **Assistant District Emergency Coordinators:** DECs may appoint
one or more Assistant DECs (ADECs) to assist them in their duties. ADECs
serve at the direction of the DEC.

101.1.4. **Emergency Coordinators:** An Emergency Coordinator (EC) is appointed
for each of the 72 Wisconsin counties. Additional ECs may be appointed for
tribes, municipalities, other geographic or functional areas as the SEC deems
necessary. ECs hold a current FCC amateur radio Technician Class (General
Class if the EC is also the County RACES RO), or higher, license and are
members in good standing in the ARRL and are responsible to the DEC and SEC
for the ARES/RACES activities in their area of responsibility.

101.1.4.1. **Assistant Emergency Coordinators:** Each EC may appoint one or
more Assistant ECs (AECs) to assist him/her in their duties. AECs serve at
the direction of the EC.

101.2. **Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES):** RACES is a function of the
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a division of the Department of
Homeland Security (DHS) with headquarters in Washington, DC. At the state level,
Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), a division of the Wisconsin Department
of Military Affairs (DMA) is responsible for the RACES function.

101.2.1. WEM is headquartered at the Joint Forces Headquarters building, 2400
Wright Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7865. WEM is managed by an
Administrator, who serves at the direction of the Governor, and is ultimately
responsible for the development of emergency services, civil defense, and
disaster response activities throughout Wisconsin.
101.2.1.1. **Warning and Communications Officer:** The WEM Administrator appoints a Warning and Communications Officer. The Warning and Communications Officer is delegated the responsibility for RACES operations throughout Wisconsin.

101.2.1.2. **Wisconsin RACES Chief Radio Officer (WI CRO):** The WI CRO shall be a United States citizen holding a current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) amateur radio General Class, or higher, license. The WI CRO is appointed by the WEM Administrator, upon recommendation of the WEM Communications and Warning Officer. The WI CRO may serve the dual role as Wisconsin Section Emergency Coordinator.

101.2.1.3. **Wisconsin Deputy RACES Chief Radio Officer (Deputy WI CRO):** The Deputy WI CRO shall be a United States citizen holding a current FCC amateur radio General Class, or higher, license. The Deputy WI CRO is appointed by the WEM Administrator, upon recommendation of the WEM Communications and Warning Officer and the WI CRO.

101.2.1.4. **County Radio Officers (RO):** County ROs are United States Citizens, holding a current FCC amateur radio General Class, or higher, license. County ROs are appointed by the county Director of Emergency Management, subject to the approval of the WI CRO. County ROs may serve the dual role of ARES Emergency Coordinator.

101.2.1.5. **Alternate County Radio Officers (ARO):** AROs may also be appointed in each county by the county Director of Emergency Management, subject to approval by the Wisconsin RACES Chief Radio Officer. AROs, where appointed, are likewise United States citizens holding a current FCC amateur radio General Class, or higher, license.