



The Importance of Training for Emergency Communications

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Who am I

- EC for Baldwin County ARES
- VP for Milledgeville ARC
- Fmr. Training Specialist for Georgia College
- Fmr. Lecturer for Georgia College
- Fmr. Adjunct Assistant Professor for GMC
- First licensed in 1996



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Why do we train

- To improve ourselves
- To fulfill our responsibility
- To be good ambassadors of the hobby



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To improve ourselves

No matter how much you know, there's an infinite amount more to know. So you never really know how much more you need to know. So, let's face it, you don't know much at all.

~ Kenneth Ham ~



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To fulfill our responsibility

Rules of the Amateur Service

§97.1 Basis and purpose.

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

(a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, *particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.*



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Be good ambassadors

- Present a professional face
- Be useful to the public and served agencies
- Encourage other to join the hobby



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Levels of Training

- ARES Member
- ARES Badge
- Hospital Level I
- Hospital Level II
- ARES Field Instructor



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ARES Member

- Required
 - Licensed Amateur Radio Operator
 - Register with EC
- Recommended
 - IS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100
 - IS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
 - IS-700: National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction
 - IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction
 - Skywarn Basic Spotter Course



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ARES Badge

- Required
 - Member Requirements
 - Basic Skills Test or ARRL Course
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 - IS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
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 - IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction
 - Background Check
- Recommended
 - Skywarn Basic Spotter Course
 - Skywarn Advanced Spotter Course



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Hospital Level I

- Required
 - ARES Member Requirements
 - Basic Skills Test or ARRL Course
 - Registration with GHA911.org with training
 - Active participation
 - NCS and NTS experience



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Hospital Level II

- Level I Requirements
- ARES Badge
- General Class or higher license
- High level of participation



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Recommended for EC or Higher

- ARES Badge
- FEMA IS-120.a: An Introduction to Exercises
- FEMA IS-230.b: Fundamentals of Emergency Management
- FEMA IS-235.b: Emergency Planning
- FEMA IS-240.a: Leadership & Influence
- FEMA IS-241.a: Decision Making and Problem Solving
- FEMA IS-242.a: Effective Communication
- FEMA IS-244.a: Developing and Managing Volunteers
- FEMA IS-250.a: ESF15 – External Affairs A New Approach to Emergency Communication and Information Distribution



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What to do from here

- Complete the training
- Document the training
- Use the training
- Train others



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Complete the training

- You've already done the first step by being licensed
- Links are on the Baldwin ARES Page
- Hosted by:
 - Gwinnett ARES
 - ARRL
 - FEMA



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Document the training

- Forward copies of certificates to EC
 - Can request transcript from FEMA if courses already completed
- EC will update the state database
 - Certification
 - Training hours
- Keep copies for your records



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Use the training

- Participate in exercises and deployments
- Provide feedback on ways to improve
- Demonstrate the abilities of amateur radio
- Be an effective communicator and asset to served agencies



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Train others

- Continue the cycle
- Assist with licensing classes
- Elmer new licensees
- Assist leadership with exercise development and evaluation



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Thank You!

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