



Wisconsin ARES/RACES

Standard Operating Guideline SOG 103

Membership in Wisconsin ARES/RACES

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

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

103.2.1. Attend ARES/RACES meetings.

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

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

103.3.1. Participate in most emergency communications incident/events.

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

103.4.1. The names, callsigns and email addresses for county ECs are available on the internet at <https://wi-arrl.org> Click on ARES/RACES Section Districts.

103.4.2. The names, callsigns, and email addresses for special ECs and Assistant State Emergency Coordinator and National Weather Service offices are available on the internet at <https://wi-arrl.org> Click on ARES/RACES Assistant Section Emergency Coordinators (ASEC).

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

103.5. Maintaining Membership:

103.5.1. Required Training:

103.5.1.1. All members must complete FEMA courses ICS 100 and ICS 700.

103.5.1.1.1. Submit a copy of course completion certificate to the EC. It is recommended that all members upload the certificates to the WEM training portal.

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

103.5.1.2.1. Submit a copy of course completion certificate to the EC It is recommended that all members upload the certificates to the WEM training portal.

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

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

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

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

103.5.2.4. Send one NTS radiogram each year indicating that the member is interested in continuing his/her membership in WI ARES/RACES. The message may be sent over the air, conventional email, Winlink 2000, or other means. The message must be in NTS message format or ICS 213.

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

103.5.2.6. Attend Skywarn training at least once every two years.

103.5.2.7 Maintain and complete all required training listed on the WI ARES/RACES Task book for their ARES/RACES position.