



ARES Meeting Agenda - 05/21/25

- Welcome to Our Guests
- Roster Update
- Emergency Expo 2025
- Prairie Voice Exercise August 9th
- 90th Anniversary of ARES
- IEMA-ARES Net – Please Check In
- Net Control Operators Wanted
- Upcoming RAT-PAC Presentations
- Training Resources
- ARES Net Reminders



Welcome to our Guests

- Thanks for joining us tonight
- ARES - Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- For those new to ARES, we do 3 major things:
 - Severe Weather – Storm Spotting
 - Communications Support for Community Events
 - Emergency Communications for Served Agencies
- Major Tools that we utilize:
 - Ham Radios, typically VHF and/or HF gear, including Go-Kits
 - Winlink Express software for over-the-radio email messages
 - Internet Email and text messaging for inter-team communications
- Training – more to ARES than holding a microphone and talking



Roster Update

- David Fogle, KE9CLC, has joined our group
- We now have 28 members
- A new Roster will be sent out via email



Emergency Expo

- E-Expo 2025 will be held Wednesday July 23
- 2:00-3:00 – Arrival and Setup
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. – Open to public with no lights, sirens, or horns (for those with sensory issues)
- 4:00-7:00 p.m. – Event continues with lights, sirens, horns, and hopefully a helicopter landing
- Expect we will be placed in the same area east of Dick's Sporting Good
- Come out to talk to members of the public plus see other emergency responders & equipment



Talk with first responders in our community & get an up-close look at their equipment!

- Watch a MEDICAL HELICOPTER land and go inside it
- Get inside a TACTICAL RESPONSE TRUCK
- Turn on the sirens in a SQUAD CAR
- Meet a firefighter, try on gear, and SPRAY A FIRE HOSE
- Check out the inside of an AMBULANCE



Want to see the big vehicles without the sirens and lights?

Stop in early at 3:30 pm to explore the equipment without lights, sirens or horns.



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Prairie Voice Exercise

- Scheduled for Saturday, August 9
- Expect to be similar to Frozen Prairie Exercise held back in February
 - HF Contacts
 - VHF Repeaters in the Central Zone
 - VHF Simplex in the Central Zone
 - HF Winlink – Send Message(s) as requested
- Planning is underway (by others)



90th Anniversary of ARES

- 2025 marks the 90th Year for ARES
- Watch for an article in the July edition of QST



IEMA-ARES Net – Please Check In

- IEMA net is on the 3rd Saturday, 10:30 AM
- 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/20
- State EOC call sign is NC9IL, the frequency is 7.227 MHz, taking check-ins from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM. Tune around if frequency is busy
- Calling stations by North, Central, & South Zones. We are in the Central Zone, District 6
- Everyone is encouraged to check in to this net
- We want to show IEMA that ARES is here



Net Control Operators Wanted

- We want to get more folks involved doing Net Control for our Peoria County VHF ARES Nets (one net per month)
- Rich KD9ANU will do one Net each month, a volunteer does the other Net that month - We can work out which 1 of the 2
- Our net is quite easy, the script is on our website
- A form to record check-ins is now available
- Just do one set of check-ins using 075 repeater
- Let's get some folks volunteering
- Thanks to our guest host in May, Jacob Maze, KE9CZI



Net Control Operators for 2025

- Jan 8 – KD9ANU
- Feb 12 – KD9ANU
- Mar 12 – KD9DBQ
- Apr 9 – KD9ANU
- May 14 – KE9CZI
- Jun 11 –
- Jul 9 –
- Aug 13 –
- Sept 10 –
- Oct 8 –
- Nov 12 –
- Dec 10 –



Upcoming RATPAC Presentations

Radio Amateur Training Planning and Activities Committee

May 21, 2025	Logging Software - both General & Contesting
May 22, 2025	QSL Cards in the Age of New Technologies
May 29, 2025	2024 Multicounty Exercise

Held Wednesday & Thursday via - Zoom 8:00 PM CT / 02:00 UTC

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2128884758?pwd=RG94eEY2L3FiMEg0U3ZlWmhXaEdwdz09>
Zoom Passcode- RATPAC

RATPAC Video Presentations Lists: <http://tiny.cc/ratpac-list>



Training Resources

- New Training Courses are now available from the ARRL
 - Basic EMCOMM
 - Intermediate EMCOMM
- Still Under Construction
 - Advanced EMCOMM – expected by mid-summer



Training Resources

- Training Documentation Form
 - Also on our website – on the “Training” Tab
 - <https://www.peoriacountyares.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Training-Documentation-Fillable-Form.pdf>
- How to get a FEMA Student ID (SID)
 - Go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>
- FEMA Training for IS 100, 200, 700, & 800
 - Go to <https://training.fema.gov>
- More details in our 07-20-2022 Meeting slides
 - <https://www.peoriacountyares.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ARES-Meeting-07-20-2022.pdf>



FEMA Login Changing

- The login procedure for <https://training.fema.gov> appears to be changing
- This URL is where you access IS 100, 200, 700 & 800 training courses and print certificates
- Apparently they are now requiring multi-factor authentication, plus use of LOGIN.GOV
- May take a little effort on your part to get it working again



ARES Net Reminders - Summer

- Illinois State ARES HF Net
 - 1st and 3rd Sundays of month at 4:30 PM CST
 - 7.227 MHz LSB (alternate 3.905 MHz LSB) & Echolink 824404
 - Informal 60M & 80M check in - (3905 KHz) at 4:10 PM
 - 60M check at 4:20 pm (5403.5 kHz Channel 5, if busy then 1, 2, 3, 4)
- IEMA-ARES Net, 3rd Sat, NC9IL on 7.227 MHz, from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM
- Illinois Digital Net every Wednesday 8:00 PM on Illinois Link
 - WIRES X 21565
 - Brandmeister DMR 31171
 - TGIF DMR 31171, DMR+ Reflector 4636
 - NXDN 3117
 - P25 31171
 - YSF Reflector Illinois Link 83132
 - D-Star XLX 334G, DCS 334G, XRF 334G, and XLX 312G
 - Allstar Link 42810



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