



ARES Meeting Agenda - 07/16/25

- Shortened Agenda due to a Scheduling Conflict – ½ hr max.
- Welcome to Our Guests
- Emergency Expo 2025
- Prairie Voice 2025 Exercise August 9th
- IEMA-ARES Net – Please Check In
- Net Control Operators Wanted
- 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



Emergency Expo

- E-Expo 2025 will be held Wednesday July 23
- 2:30-3:30 – 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



E-Expo Site Map 2025





Central Illinois Emergency Expo

Wednesday, July 23 • 4-7 pm • FREE
at The Shoppes at Grand Prairie



Family-Friendly
Community Event!



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

- Sat, Aug 9, join us at the Bunker or from homes
- Planned Actions include
 - 8:00 AM 2 Meter Simplex relay South-to-North 146.520 MHz
 - **Is your station a VHF Relay Candidate?**
 - 8:30 AM Check-in with NC9IL, HF 7.227 MHz
 - 9:00 AM VHF Repeater Net in the Central Zone, followed by VHF Simplex in the Central Zone, 146.550 MHz
 - 10:00 AM Illinois Digital Net Check-ins (all the modes)
 - 10:30 CW Traffic Net, 7.114 MHz
 - 11:00 AM Illinois National Guard Interoperability Exercise TBA and/or Winlink message traffic Handling
 - 12:00 Noon, Check-in with NC9IL, HF 7.227 MHz followed by After Action Hot Wash via W9RY Zoom



IEMA-ARES Net – Please Check In

- IEMA net is on the 3rd Saturday, 10:30 AM
- 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



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 Multi-mode 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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