



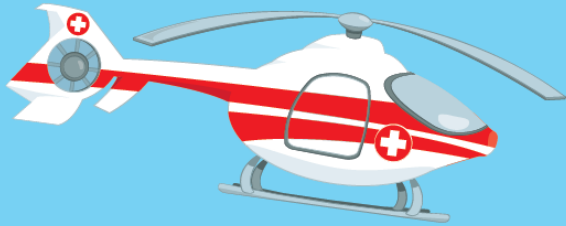
ARES Meeting Agenda - 05/20/26

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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



Central Illinois Emergency Expo

**Wednesday, June 17 • 4-7 pm • FREE
at The Shoppes at Grand Prairie**



**Family-Friendly
Community Event!**



Emergency Expo

- E-Expo is being held on Wed, June 17 at the Shoppes at Grand Prairie, from 4 to 7 pm
- Held in the parking lot east of Dick's Sporting Goods out towards to Route 91
- Peoria County ARES will be there, visiting with the public and handing out emergency info
- We will setup around 3:30 pm (EZ Up canopy and table & chairs, plus radio to attract interest)
- Please join us. Park north of Dick's.



Field Day

- Summer Field Day is coming soon Sat June 27 and into Sun Jun 28
- Illinois State ARES will be checking in on HF voice on 7.217 MHz



IEMA-ARES Net – Please Check In

- IEMA net is on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM
- Remaining 2026 dates: 06/20, 07/18, 08/15, 09/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19
- 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
- Our net is quite easy, the script is on our website
- A form to record check-ins is available
- Just do one set of check-ins using 075 repeater
- Report the check-ins to Rich – a photo of your notes will do
- **Let's get some folks volunteering**



Net Control Operators - 2026

- Jan – ANU & ANU
- Feb – ANU & ANU
- Mar – BPB & ANU
- Apr – ANU & ANU
- May – NWG & ANU
- Jun
- Jul
- Aug
- Sep
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec



Upcoming RAT-PAC Presentations

Radio Amateur Training Planning and Activities Committee

May 20, 2026	CSI (Clean Signal Initiative) finally goes mainstream, Why cleaner transmitters are a benefit to all HF amateur operators
May 27, 2026	A Snapshot of U.S. POTA Sites, Activations, and Activators
Jun 03, 2026	2026 ARRL Field Day Update
Jun 10, 2026	Equipping Families for Emergency Communication
Jun 17, 2026	FOTA (Football On The Air) Special-event stations for "World Soccer Tournament"
Jun 24, 2026	Summer Break Begins
Aug 26, 2026	Summer Break Ends

Held Wednesdays 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>



ARES Training

- EmComm Training Courses are now available from the ARRL
 - Basic EMCOMM
 - Intermediate EMCOMM
- Still Under Construction
 - Advanced EMCOMM – still “on hold” until further notice
- FEMA Training
 - IS 100, 200, 700, & 800 – these courses are available
- Report Course completions so I can enter into our database



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> (working once again)
- FEMA Training for IS 100, 200, 700, & 800
 - <https://training.fema.gov/is/> (working once again)
 - Only need to log in when ready to take the test
- 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 Changes

- Login procedure for <https://training.fema.gov/is/> indeed has changed **(site is working once again)**
- This URL is where you access IS 100, 200, 700 & 800 training courses and print certificates – click on the “NDEMU Student Portal” which takes you to <https://training.fema.gov/signin/> **(working once again)**
- Scroll down the page and select in the blue box “Sign in, or create a Login.gov account now”
- I created a Login.gov account and set-up a passkey on my laptop, which seems to work well



In-Person Training Opportunities

- COML Course – Cary, IL (McHenry County) October 26th to October 29th. Registration is currently available.
- AUXCOMM Course – Springfield, IL, September 16th to 18th. Registration will be open soon.
- Let me know if you are interested
- Don't wait until the last minute to sign up



2026 ARES Calendar

- All of our major ARES events on the calendar of our ARES website
- Please notify me if you think something is missing or incorrect
- Eventwise:
 - Emergency Expo – June 17 at Grand Prairie
 - June Zoom Meeting – June 17 - **Canceled**
 - Prairie Voice Exercise – July 31 – Aug 1More info to come - likely 4 hours max on one day



ARES Net Reminders - Summer

- Illinois State ARES HF Net
 - 1st and 3rd Sundays of month at 4:30 PM CST
 - **To avoid another Net, the Summer Freq. of 7.227 is changing to 7.217 MHz**
 - **7.217 MHz LSB** (winter 3.905 MHz LSB) & Echolink 824404-listen & text
- IEMA-ARES Net, 3rd Sat, NC9IL on 7.227 MHz, from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM
- Illinois Multimode 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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