

MCARES

MARION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE (ARES)



“Providing voluntary communications in time of need.”

Services that ARES provides:

Emergency Communications
Public Service Communications
Disaster Preparedness

What we are about:

Marion County ARES provides emergency communications support in the event a disaster leaves the community without communications. In the past, ARES has been activated for events such as the windstorm and floods of 1995-1996, as well as other more recent events.

ARES was called upon to handle emergency communications for the State Office of Emergency Management during the floods of early December 2007 and the Detroit/Idanha snowstorm in February 2008. As committed ham radio operators, ARES is always ready to assist with communications.

You can make a difference.



Where you fit in:

It is not required to have a membership with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) to become a member of ARES. It does not require a large amount of money. All that ARES asks is to dedicate as much spare time as possible for public service.

The monthly training meetings consist of learning more about radio communications as a hobby and all of its exciting auxiliary branches: Paketeeer's, ATVer's, DXer's, bunny hunters and a lot of local talent.

Marion County ARES has the full cooperation of the Marion County Emergency Management team. EM assists ARES with facilitating training, education, and special events. EM also provides the meeting area, and communications support by actively maintaining and upgrading a dedicated radio room and communications vehicle that ARES is allowed to utilize.



HOW TO REACH US:

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What agencies we serve:

ARES is an important part of disaster plans for Marion County, the Red Cross, Cities of Salem, Keizer, Silverton, and Woodburn. Other cities and towns are actively moving forward to include ARES in city disaster plans. Salem and Silverton Hospital provides mutual cooperation and includes ARES in their disaster plans.

During SETs (Simulated Emergency Tests) Marion County agencies depend upon the communication skills and abilities of ARES to demonstrate what mutual resources can be offered and how they can be refined.



Application for joining the group:

Since this is an emergency communications group, knowing what each member can contribute to the team is crucial. Not just in the equipment that is used, but also bands operated and emergency power capabilities.

ARES meetings are held on the first Monday of the month in the evening. Applications can be obtained at that time. Come and network with other volunteers with the same interest in emergency communications.

Frank Gruber, Emergency Coordinator; 503-851-7790.
Please call for directions to the meeting location.