

LANE COUNTY ARES TRAINING

Amateur radio operators who are interested in volunteering with Lane County ARES must initially have an acceptable interview with the ARES leadership, satisfy the state required background checks, demonstrate the ability to work with the other volunteers in the unit, and have certificates for the required knowledge based training components.

All volunteers are required to meet the continuing training requirements and must participate in the activities of the unit, including SETS, public service events and any incidents, for continuing membership.

I. TRAINING

There are basic requirements to join the unit, and there are opportunities for continuing training for all members.

A. Required Knowledge Based Training

- ICS 100 certificate
- ICS 200 certificate
- ICS 700 certificate

These courses can be completed online at the FEMA website www.fema.gov or be accessed from our website at www.laneares.org

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- EMCOMM 1 [ARRL EC-001] certificate

B. Skills Based Training

Our unit will have annual training programs to increase basic skills, including

- Basic EMCOMM operator
- EMCOMM operator "Plus"
- Basic Packet operator

plus other skill based categories developed as technology indicates are appropriate for our mission.

C. Performance Based Training

In addition, for those who want to increase their skills, we will have regular training programs leading to our certification of those who are

- Advanced EMCOMM operators
- Packeteers
- HF Pactor and OADN operators
- Net Control Station operators
- Emergency Technicians

D. General Training Plan

The projected annual continuing training to be offered includes:

1. Annual presentations on packet and other digital modes by a general academy and periodic programs at clubs and groups, not only to train members in those modes, but also to refresh the skills required by those modes for those members of the unit who are already trained in the modes.

2. Specialized or advanced classes on using Airmail for packet, Pactor and peer to peer use on both VHF simplex and HF will be regularly scheduled.

3. Regular presentations by unit's EMCOMM leadership of short refresher programs at all groups and clubs on such topics as tactical calls; packet/Pactor equipment and operations; ready kits, both equipment and personal gear; frequency charts; map and compass; and related topics appropriate for regular refresher courses.

II. Annual Lane ARES Activities

1. Participation in the Spring and Fall Simulated Emergency Tests ["SETS"] which are either locally set up or will be conducted state-wide by the State ARES/RACES leadership.

2. Participation in as many as one can of the regular public service events held between April and December, and participation at least one locally designed SET.

3. Quarterly exercises so that members of the unit go to each of the regular and alternate EOC/radio sites. The goal is to check out equipment at each site, verify the operability of the sites, re-enforce training standards, and provide regular

packet/Pactor activity by members of the unit. Ideally, all members will rotate through all of the sites over a year or year plus, so the ability to provide "last mile" communication services at each site is independent of membership in a group or club.

4. At least one annual drill to test and confirm the workability of the mutual aid protocols.

III. Other Expectations

1. All are expected to maintain a course of self-study to improve skills and knowledge of both the hobby and EMCOMM. Such self-study should include keeping up on one's ICS and FEMA course standards. All are expected to check into HF nets, VHF nets and participate on a regular basis.

2. And all members of the group should keep in mind at all times, appropriate appearance, clothing, and behavior - so that whenever involved in an emergency or public service event, every EMCOMM volunteer gives the best in both operations and in appearance. After all, each volunteer is representing all the other EMCOMM volunteers.