

How can I find out more about amateur radio and ARES?

Contact the person below. He or she will gladly provide you with the following:

- ◆ How you can best include volunteer amateur radio operators in your plans.
- ◆ An explanation of how the Amateur Radio Emergency Service is organized and how these volunteers are trained.
- ◆ A demonstration of the capability and reliability of amateur radio operators and their equipment.
- ◆ An opportunity to examine the **Emergency Coordinator's Manual**, a step-by-step guide of how to include amateur radio operators in your organization.

The American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL) is the non-profit national amateur radio organization with more than 175,000 members. Visit our web page at <http://www.arrl.org>.

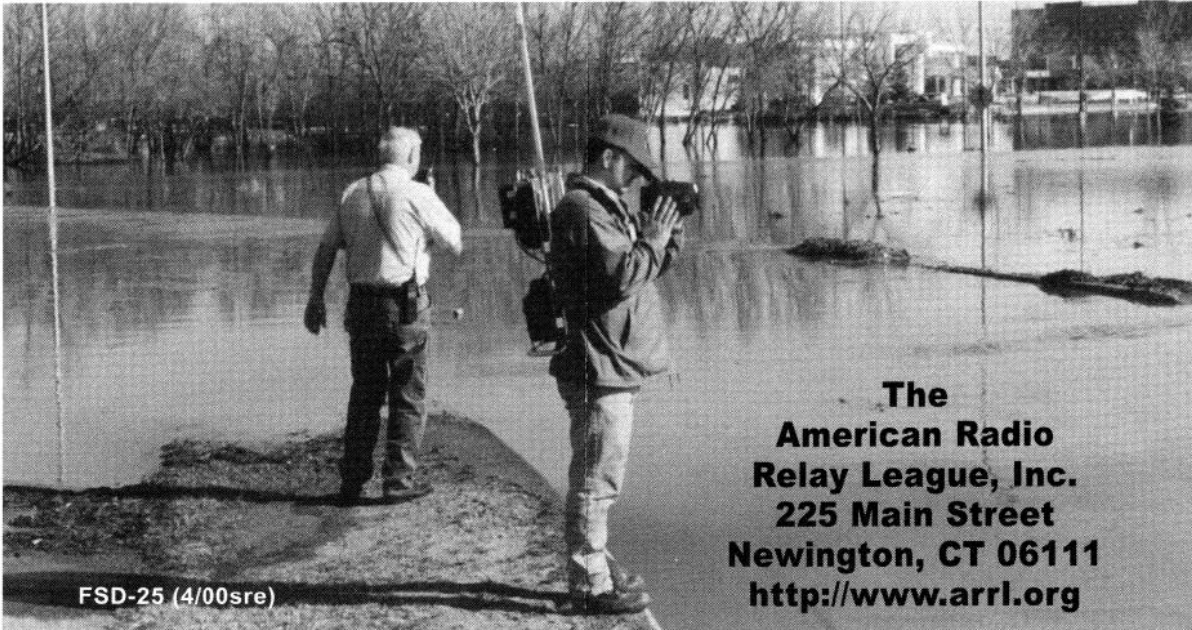
The ARRL recruits, trains, and supports the members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service—a service with more than six decades of experience in organized, disciplined amateur radio emergency communications. Visit the ARES web site at:

<http://www.arrl.org/field/pscm/secl-ch1.html>

ARES operators pride themselves in their professionalism. They are “amateurs” only by virtue of their volunteering their time, skill and equipment at no cost to you to help you meet your needs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

ARES operators provide their time and expertise. You provide the opportunity!



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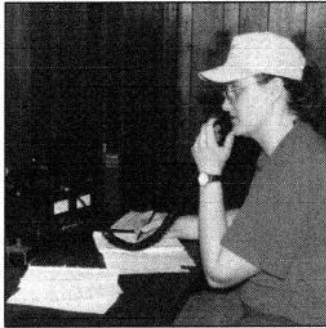
The Amateur Radio Emergency Service

(ARES) is a volunteer radio communications service available to Federal, state, county and local governments, as well as non-profit organizations.

Amateur Radio is:

More than 700,000 us radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

Amateur Radio is not Citizen's Band (CB) radio.



The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is:

More than 35,000 amateurs nationwide who have voluntarily registered their services and formed an organized pool of operators to provide reliable primary and secondary communications links for governmental agencies and/or non-profit organizations when needed.

AT YOUR SERVICE

- ◆ Disaster Preparedness
- ◆ Emergency Communications
- ◆ Public Service Communications



Communications provided may be in the form of voice, Radioteletype, television, computer modes or even Morse code. Handheld amateur radio equipment has a range that varies from next door to the next county or state.

How can amateur radio assist your agency or non-profit organization?

In a variety of ways!

Do you, or agencies within your organization, need to divert routine communications away from operational or tactical radio channels during an emergency? Does your agency need an organized back-up communications link which can be called into action if your usual communications links become overloaded or disrupted? Are you in need of reliable interagency communications during emergencies? If so, volunteer amateur radio operators can fill the gap.

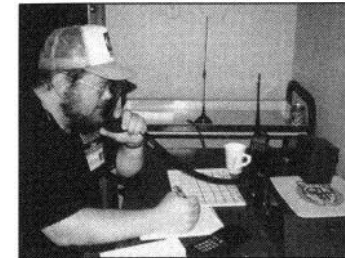


Does your organization sponsor public-service events such as walkathons? Would reliable communications allow you to sponsor a safer, more coordinated event? If so, amateur radio fits the bill.

Are the services provided by amateur radio operators expensive?

Services are provided on a strictly volunteer basis at no charge to you. Federal Communications Commission rules **strictly prohibit compensation of any kind** for services rendered by amateur radio operators.

Where would amateur radio operators fit into your plans?



They could be your primary or secondary communications link. Amateur radio operators realize that their role is to provide com-

munications – **not** to make your decisions. Your ARES Emergency Coordinator might be considered your volunteer communications consultant.

Does amateur radio work in emergency or public-service communications?

Yes! Amateur radio operators have provided communications during hurricanes, brush fires in California, tornadoes in the Midwest and earth-



quakes. Amateur radio has been used for more than a two decades as the primary communications link for the New York City Marathon. Amateur radio has a proud tradition of serving the public since 1917.