

**Letter from the Virginia Section Emergency Coordinator, Tom Gregory,
N4NW to the new Section Manager Elect**

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Greetings to the Section Manager Elect,

Five years ago, when I was first appointed as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service Virginia Section Emergency Coordinator, I faced the shambles of the ARES Program. A program which those who proceeded me as SEC had followed a "scorched earth" policy -- leaving no membership records or organizational tools intact for anyone to use. They attempted to completely destroy the program, virtually ruining everything they touched. Fortunately with the assistance of many over the past several years we have recompiled data and built up Virginia's ARES to a level never before known.

Let it be known, to you in particular, and to everyone in Virginia's ARES, that this will not be the case now. As a final duty as the SEC, I have directed my assistant for Administration – Brad Taylor, KW4USA to insure the transfer of all records of our leaders; Emergency Coordinators and District Emergency Coordinators, to you – so that communication to them will be immediately effective. Further, the Virginia ARES website will be left completely intact and operational for the use of your SEC appointee.

Brad Taylor, KW4USA, who also serves as the webmaster, will help guide you through all of the web site's intricacies. In short, all the tools we have developed for a functional virtual EC & DEC monthly reporting system will be handed to you for safe keeping.

With the ebb and flow of public opinion, we expect that when you leave office you will pass on these tools and any you may develop to those who replace you in the same condition that you found them or View this as a trust, a covenant, to be maintained by all who follow.

73s,
Tom Gregory, N4NW
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