



Lucas County ARES

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

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Davis Beese Drill May 02, 2023 Time TBA Drill Guidelines

The information below is guideline to help direct the choices of Lucas County ARES members who choose to participate in this drill. We as ARES members do not always know when a drill will take place. But in this case we do, with information we are a step ahead in preparation.

The Lucas County Emergency Operations Center will be staffed by a number of ARES members. The designated amateur radio location on the basement level control room will be maned by myself Vern W8VHS for the duration of the drill. The ARES location on the second floor dispatch area will be occupied by a number of ARES members yet to be determined.

Lucas County will issue an alert. Which, along with other agencies and departments will include ARES. Being alerted to the possibility that Lucas County may need ARES assistance, does NOT necessitate an automatic need for an ARES formal and directed radio net. During the practice drill, Lucas County ARES only received one (1) request for assistance from a served agency. That did not occur till 0921 and only involved one (1) location away from the EOC. There is NO way to predict the number of requests ARES will receive in the graded drill on May 2nd. The formal and directed net will be necessary only and if a served agency requests our assistance. If a formal and directed net is established, radio communications will be governed by the Lucas County ARES ICS-205 communications form. That form is available at the ARES groups.io page under files and on the active member tab of <http://lucasares.org>. Download yourself a copy and keep it handy. I encourage all ARES members to be aware of the date and the drill. I also do not want our ARES members to always expect that every incident will require the entirety of our organization. It is important to Lucas County ARES that we do our best to efficiently manage or limited resources. It is imperative that members **do not** self deploy or initiate any nets without conferring with the Emergency Coordinator first to ascertain the scope and potential needs of the served agency.

If you participate in the drill please take notes. I am also requesting that any AEC or other member that participates in the drill, please fill out an ICS-214 along with an After Action Report. The ICS-214 form is available on the LCARES groups.io page under files. I would like these documents within a week of the completion of the drill. I would like to schedule a de-brief / hot-wash of the drill. That activity can be useful in determining what worked and what did not. I realize scheduling will be an issue for all of us, but I will do my best to make it happen.

Thank you,

Vern Snow W8VHS