



**East Kern County
Amateur Radio Emergency Service
Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service**



Required Training

In order for all ARES and RACES members to be prepared for the various tasks that might be required during a communications emergency, the following training/support must be accomplished as noted.

Course/Event	Required by	Frequency	Initial
FEMA IS-100b	All	Once (Note 1)	_____
FEMA IS-200b	All	Once (Note 1)	_____
FEMA IS-700a	All	Once (Note 1)	_____
Other FEMA Courses	All	As Directed (Note 2)	_____
ARRL Introduction to Emergency Communications	All	Once (Note 3)	_____
IWV Emer Net, Net Control Opr	All	Once a year (Note 4)	_____
IWV Communications Support	All	Once every 2 years (Note 5)	_____

Note 1: It has been over 4 years since every registered East Kern County RACES member has completed these courses. During that time, there have been no emergencies, call-outs or refresher training in these procedures. Additionally, FEMA has updated the information in these courses. The courses are available at:

FEMA IS-100b: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100b.asp>

FEMA IS-200b: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS200b.asp>

FEMA IS-700a: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp>

If necessary, contact the East Kern County ARES Emergency Coordinator for detailed instructions on taking these on-line courses.

Note 2: Beginning in 2014, the East Kern County ARES/RACES Training Officer may choose up to two additional FEMA courses to be completed each year.

Note 3: Provided by East Kern County Emergency Coordinator via email.

Note 4: The majority of communications support that ARES and RACES members provide takes place on various voice nets. Experience as a Net Control operator provides valuable training in both being a Net Control operator and being a good net participant.

Note 5: IWV Communications Support events include the Kiwanis Walk-A-Thon, various horse rides and foot races and other events that the Sierra Amateur Radio Club supports. Participation credit in these events includes organizing, planning and providing the communications support.

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