

## Served Agencies

ARES is a tremendous asset to the

**American Red Cross** in Nassau County.

ARES operators provide the much-needed communications during disasters, and also communication support for drills and events held by the ARC all year long.

**The March of Dimes, The American Diabetes Association, and The American Cancer Society** are some of the agencies that are supported by ARES. Operators participate to provide communications for a number of the many walk-a-thons held to raise funds.

Along with the walk-a-thons, there are a number of marathons and relay races held each year on Long Island and its outskirts, such as the **New York City Marathon**, the **Long Island Marathon and Half Marathon**, and the **Ocean to Sound Relay Race** which is sponsored by the **Greater Long Island Running Club**. Operators participating are stationed along the course and at Net Control to aid in communicating logistics and medical needs. These are all great, enjoyable events that also give us the opportunity to practice the drills that come into play during times of disasters.

## Commitment to Public Service

ARES Operators:

- Communicate to serve the public's needs
- Have a genuine desire to participate in ARES drills, training activities, public service events, and during actual emergencies
- Act in a calm, disciplined and professional manner
- Perform with Integrity



## Nassau County ARES

*Amateur Radio Emergency Service*

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## **What is the Amateur Radio Emergency Service?**

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a volunteer organization, which serves the public by providing Amateur Radio communication to federal, state, county, and local government agencies, as well as to non-profit organizations. The primary activity of ARES is to provide emergency communications during disasters such as fires, floods, earthquakes, and hurricanes, when other means of communications are not available or are disrupted. One secondary activity of ARES is to provide essential communications for public events including parades, marathons and other races, walkathons, bicycle tours, and other large events where swift, reliable communications can protect and improve the safety of the general public. Another secondary activity of ARES is to provide amateur radio operators with training in emergency communications, directed net procedures, and on-air discipline, formal message handling, and emergency preparedness. Separate ARES groups are organized in each county and coordinated by the American Radio Relay League.

## **Who are ARES Members?**

ARES members are Amateur Radio operators, licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). ARES members volunteer their time and equipment to serve the public. All active ARES members must have a valid amateur radio license, because ARES operates using amateur radio frequencies. This is the only requirement. Any licensed amateur radio operator of Technician Class or higher can be a member of ARES. There is no requirement for, or discrimination against, membership in any other club or organization. Although Nassau County ARES encourages dual membership in both ARES and SKYWARN, and maintains a strong affiliation with the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club (LIMARC), the Nassau Amateur Radio Club and the ARRL, membership in these groups is not required. Also, there is no requirement that you own any specific equipment, although the use of "dual-band" battery powered, portable equipment is strongly encouraged.

## **What is Expected of ARES Members?**

It is expected that ARES members will have a genuine desire to participate in ARES drills, training activities, public service events, and during actual emergencies, and act in a calm, disciplined and professional manner while doing so. ARES members work to improve their communications skills and capabilities through training and participation in public service events.

They stay informed of upcoming events by checking in to the weekly nets, and they play an active role in the organization by attending the monthly meetings. ARES members also strive to improve their level of emergency preparedness by keeping their portable equipment in good operating condition, all together in one place, and ready to go at a moments notice, and by adding, building, or repairing the equipment items that training and experience has shown to be lacking.

## **How Can I Join Nassau County ARES?**

Nassau County ARES prefers that its members live or work in Nassau County. Residents of other counties should contact their local ARES group. No other qualifications are required, and there are no dues or fees.

If you are interested in becoming an ARES member, please register at our website,

[WWW.NCARES.NET](http://WWW.NCARES.NET)

You are also welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month, 7:30pm, at the Senior Activities Center, Parking Field # 8, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY.