



ARES-RACES REGISTRATION FORM STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA



The Stafford County Amateur Radio Emergency Service / Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (ARES/RACES) Team is a voluntary emergency communications group of licensed radio amateurs who register with the County Emergency Manager to provide emergency communications as a Public Service to the County. The Team's purpose is to furnish communications skills using personal or provided equipment to assist in the event of a natural disaster, power outage, or other incident when regular communications systems fail or are inadequate.

The Team is led by the ARES Emergency Coordinator and RACES Officer (EC/RO), who in turn reports to the County Assistant Emergency Manager; the latter reporting to the County Fire Chief.

Participation varies depending on the individual. The categories below are not exclusive of each other; but some require background checks, some require specific training, etc. The first three categories usually involve when severe weather has struck or is about to strike the county – e.g., tornadoes, hurricanes, snowstorms, etc. – or when the county is staffing the EOC to support a major scheduled county event. The last category is more configuration and preparation, versus a response mission.

- **EOC Staffing.** This category involves staffing the County EOC, when needed. This category requires a background check (for EOC access) and certain FEMA courses (e.g., ICS-100, 200, 700, 800) since the operator will be integrated into the Incident Management System.
- **Shelter Staffing.** This category involves staffing a county reception center and/or shelter. This category requires a background check, since the operator will be given unescorted access within the designated reception center and/or shelter, and be working with county residents of all ages.
- **Neighborhood Support.** This category involves supporting from within your neighborhood, reporting back what you see, what you need, Health & Welfare messages, etc.
- **Engineering Support.** This category involves engineering, installing, and maintaining our ham radio infrastructure and equipment. Examples include maintaining our radios and antennas within the EOC, Emergency Management Vehicle (EMV), and deployment kits; maintaining our software and ham specific IT infrastructure; etc.

Experience has proven that radio operators respond more capably in time of emergency when they have practiced in an organized group and have been certified in certain Emergency Communications skills. There is no substitute for experience gained *before* the need arises. Registration does not require possession of any specially designed equipment. All communicators can be of assistance to the local EM, regardless of class of license, equipment owned, or personal circumstances.



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Name: _____ License Class: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Addresses: _____

Home Phone: _____ Include on roster? _____

Cell Phone: _____ Include on roster? _____

Work Phone: _____ Include on roster? _____

Participation Type: (check all that apply) EOC Staffing Shelter Staffing
Neighborhood Engineering Support

Availability: (check all that apply) Training Exercises
Warning Activation Actual Emergency

Please indicate (YES/NO) if you have the following equipment for your personal use that you can use during activation:

Handheld VHF/UHF Radio: _____ Data Capable? _____

Mobile VHF/UHF Radio: _____ Data Capable? _____

Home VHF/UHF Radio: _____ Data Capable? _____

Mobile HF Radio: _____ Data Capable? _____

Home HF Radio: _____ Data Capable? _____

Can you operate from home on emergency power? _____

Please describe any special skills or qualifications that would be of benefit to the team. Include formal training such as ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800; ARRL EmComm Level I, II, or III training; Skywarn training; BLS/CPR and/or or EMT certification; network engineer, etc: