

# MAHONING COUNTY ARES<sup>®</sup> STANDARDIZED TRAINING PLAN



## ARES<sup>®</sup> EMERGENCY COMMUNICATOR INDIVIDUAL TASK BOOK

### Task Book Assigned To:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

ARES<sup>®</sup> Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Task Book Initiated By:

ARES<sup>®</sup> Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ ARES Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Initiated:

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ARES® Training Plan Task Book

## Task Book

The TaskBook is a working document that enables those ARES® communicators electing to participate in the ARRL training plan to track and document their training plan elements as they are completed towards the various levels of increasing proficiency. The TaskBook should contain all training plan items, completion dates and signoffs as the ARES® communicator transitions through the three skill levels. The ARES® communicator is responsible for maintaining his/her TaskBook and having it with him/her during training and assignments. The TaskBook also contains sections with definitions of the communicator levels, as well as common responsibilities.

**NOTE:** the approving EC should meet/exceed the qualifications for each level they are signing off on.

**ADDITIONAL NOTE:** At the end of this Task Book is a change log page that communicators should use to keep track of changes to the Task Book.

## Skill Levels

**Level 1** - Entry level into ARES®, includes skills learned when obtaining an Amateur Radio license

**Level 2** - Set of skills desired by ARES® obtained through coursework and training

**Level 3** - Increased skill set that initiates a pathway to leadership positions and assignments

**Digital Communications Operator** - Additional skills required to qualify as a digital operator

## Responsibilities:

### Individual

- Review and understand Task Book requirements
- Identify desired objectives/goals
- Satisfactorily demonstrate completion of tasks for each level
- Assure the evaluations are completed
- Maintain and keep the Task Book up to date
- Make Task Book available during assignments
- Submit completed Task Book to Section Management

### Evaluator

- Be knowledgeable and proficient in the tasks being evaluated and approved
- Meet with Communicator and evaluate past experiences, current qualifications, and desired objectives/goals
- Review tasks with Communicator
- Document completion of tasks with Task Book signoffs
- Complete the sign-off, comments and qualifying

### Section

- Maintain database for ARES® participants in ARES® Training Plan

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ARES® TRAINING LEVEL			
Level 1			
<p>This is the primary level for those who choose a non-leadership role as well as those new to Amateur Radio or emergency communications. This introductory training is conducted by the local ARES group to meet its needs and those of its served agency or partners. This training could be formal or informal and would introduce the ARES participant to the fundamentals of emergency communications and provide instructions on how participants are to conduct themselves while serving in the field or otherwise activated. Participants are encouraged to complete Level 1 and advance to level 2 as soon as practical.</p> <p><b>R = Required, O = Optional, E = Encouraged</b></p>			
TASK	R-O-E	COMPLETION DATE	EC Sign Off
<b>Education</b>			
ICS-100.c- Intro to Incident Command System*	O		
ICS-700.b Introduction to National Incident Mgt. System*	O		
SKYWARN - Spotter Basic Training (Biennially)	O		
ARRL EC-001 Introduction to Emergency Communications	O		
<b>Comment:</b> *Sets initial baseline requirements. Will likely be insufficient for deployment at an incident.			
<b>Participation</b>			
Obtain Task Book	R		
Join an ARES® group	R		
Own an HT and a portable antenna	R		
<b>Comment:</b>			
<b>Proficiency/Skill</b>			
Obtain Technician class or higher Amateur Radio License	R		
Demonstrate ability to program HT for both repeater and simplex	R		
Demonstrate local repeater and simplex operation with evaluator	R		
Demonstrate use of HT with portable antenna	R		
<b>Comment:</b>			

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**Level 1 Completion Record**

The listed tasks for the level 1 having been completed, dated and initialed indicate successful completion of all the tasks required of the ARES® Communicator for the Level 1.

\_\_\_\_ The individual is recommended as certified for this level.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ EC \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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ARES® TRAINING LEVEL			
Level 2			
<p>This training level builds upon what has been learned in Level 1, and participants in Level 2 may elect to remain at this level based upon the extent of their desired ARES involvement. Much of this training is conducted by the local ARES group to meet its needs and those of their served agency or partners and provides a better understanding of emergency communications. Participants in Level 2 may wish to continue with Level 3 and the potential for leadership roles.</p> <p><b>R = Required, O = Optional, E = Encouraged</b></p>			
<b>Education</b>			
ICS-100.c - Intro to Incident Command System*	R		
ICS-200.c – ICS for Single Resource*	R		
ICS-700.b – Introduction to National Incident Mgt. System*	R		
ICS-800.c – National Response Framework*	R		
ARRL EC-001 Intro to Emergency Communications	R		
SKYWARN Spotter Basic Training (Biennially)	O		
<b>Comment: *These should be considered as meeting the minimum requirements for deployment at an Incident. Local EMA authorities may require additional training.</b>			
<b>Participation</b>			
Net Participation (Once per Quarter)	R		
Public Service Event Participation	O		
Simulated Emergency Test or Exercise Participation (Annually)	O		
Serve as Net Control	O		
<b>Comment:</b>			
<b>Proficiency/Skill</b>			
Program tone into HT	R		
Program frequency & offset into radio	R		
Write and send an ICS-213 message	R		
Operate VHF Digital messaging station	O		
Operate unit specific Digital VHF or HF station	O		
Build a VHF "Slim Jim" or ground plane antenna	R		
Build a simple dipole antenna**	E		
Build Powerpole® adapter cable**	E		
Solder PL259 connector to coax**	E		
Assemble an 8- or 24-hour Deployment Kit*	E		
Proficient in using ICS forms	E		
Send a completed ICS form via WinLink email	O		
Send and receive a completed Radiogram message	O		
<b>Comment: * The contents of a 24-hour Kit will be specified in either a separate document or as an Annex to this document. ** Skills that are very useful to know and everyone is encouraged to learn.</b>			
<b>Other /Unit Specific</b>			
Install a mobile VHF radio in personally owned vehicle	E		
Own a base station with off-grid power capabilities	O		
Check in to OHDEN	O		
<b>Comment:</b>			

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**Level 2 Completion Record**

The listed tasks for the Level 2 having been completed, dated and initialed indicate successful completion of all the tasks required of the ARES<sup>®</sup> Communicator for the level 2.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The individual is recommended as certified for this level.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The individual is in need of additional training as indicated below. (Optional)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ EC or DEC \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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ARES® TRAINING LEVEL			
Level 3			
Level 3 prepares the participant to take on ARES Team leadership roles in his/her ARES group or section. <b>R = Required, O = Optional, E = Encouraged</b>			
TASK	R-O-E	COMPLETION DATE	EC or DEC Sign Off
<b>Education</b>			
IS-120.c - An Introduction to Exercises*	R		
IS-230.d - Fundamentals of Emergency Management*	R		
IS-235.c - Emergency Planning*	R		
IS-240.b - Leadership & Influence*	R		
IS-241.b - Decision Making & Problem Solving*	R		
IS-242.b - Effective Communications*	R		
IS-244.b - Developing & Managing Volunteers*	R		
IS-288.a – Role of Voluntary organizations in Emergency Mgt*.	R		
IS-2200 - Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions*	R		
ARRL EC-016 Public Service & Emergency Communications Mgt*	R		
SKYWARN Advanced Training Class (Biennially)	O		
PR-101 – Public Information Officer Training (EC-015)	O		
AUXCOM Course	O		
ICS-300 - Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents**	O		
ICS -400 - Advanced Incident Command System**	O		
<b>Comment:</b> * Required for those seeking/holding leadership positions. These individuals should also hold a General Class (or higher) Amateur license. ** Participants are encouraged to complete the FEMA courses ICS-300 and ICS-400 when they become available locally.			
<b>Participation</b>			
Net Participation (Once per Quarter)	R		
Public Service Event Participation (Annually)	R		
Simulated Emergency Test or Exercise Participation (Bi-Annually)	R		
Serve as Net Control	R		
<b>Comment:</b>			
<b>Leadership</b>			
Present a training session	R		
Hold/held a leadership position in a group	R		
Hold a General Class License or higher	R		
Participate in PIO activities (PR-101 Qualifies)	R		
EC-001 Course Instructor/Mentor	O		
<b>Comment:</b>			

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<b>Proficiency/Skill</b>			
Proficient in using ICS forms	R		
Operate VHF Digital messaging station in Peer-to-peer mode	R		
Operate HF Digital Mode Messaging Station	R		
Program Tone into HT	R		
Program frequency & offset into radio	R		
Deploy an emergency station with field expedient antenna	R		
Demonstrate cross band repeat on Mobile Radio (UHF→VHF)	O		

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The listed tasks for the Level 3 having been completed, dated and initialed indicate successful completion of all the tasks required of the ARES® Communicator for the level 3.

\_\_\_\_\_ The individual is recommended as certified for this level.

\_\_\_\_\_ The individual is in need of additional training as indicated below. (Optional)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ EC or DEC \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



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ARES® DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR			
All Levels			
<p>This elective endorsement is available to trainees at all levels. This training qualifies the individual to set up and operate a digital messaging station. Modes of operation include WinLink Global Email over U/VHF and HF and additional modes, softwares, and standards as prescribed by Ohio State Emergency Response Plan and served agencies.</p> <p><b>R = Required, O = Optional, E = Encouraged</b></p>			
TASK	R-O-E	COMPLETION DATE	EC or DEC Sign Off
<b>Education</b>			
Attend a WinLink Global Email training event	R		
<p><b>Comment:</b> *These should be considered as meeting the minimum requirements for deployment at an Incident. Local EMA authorities may require additional training.</p>			
<b>Participation</b>			
Check in to OHDEN	R		
Operate a Digital Mode messaging station during a live training event	R		
<p><b>Comment:</b></p>			
<b>Proficiency/Skill</b>			
Operate a VHF Digital messaging station	R		
Operate an HF Digital messaging station	R		
Send a completed ICS form via a WinLink email message	R		
Send and receive a WinLink email message over RF (either VHF or HF)	R		
Operate a DMR station	O		
<p><b>Comment:</b></p>			
<b>Other /Unit Specific</b>			
<p><b>Comment:</b></p>			

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**ARES® SECTION/UNIT SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS  
ALL LEVELS**

This page is for listing of additional tasks as may be required by ARES units for their specific needs.

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TASK	R-O-E	LEVEL 1-2-3	COMPLETION DATE	EC Sign Off
<b>Education</b>				
Comment:				
<b>Participation</b>				
Comment:				
<b>Leadership</b>				
Comment:				
<b>Proficiency/Skill</b>				
Comment:				

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## **Common Responsibilities (for Activations)**

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It is the responsibility of each ARES® Communicator to be prepared with the proper dress, equipment, knowledge, and demeanor to support the assigned task. If you are unable to perform or uncomfortable with your assignment, let your Team Leader or requesting agency know so that you may be assigned appropriately.

### **At Staging**

- Complete and turn in forms and check in at Staging Area
- Obtain briefing from Agency Lead or Resource Team Leader regarding incident/event
- Receive Job assignment, reporting location and travel instructions
- Verify equipment needed for assignment
- Obtain Frequency Plan (ARES® Frequency Plan or ICS Form 205)
- Access personal readiness for incident and climate (physical, clothing, medications, money, equipment guides, etc.)
- Maintain a check list of your equipment and personal "Go-Kit"
- Inform others as to where you are going and how to contact you
- Review your Operations and Procedures Notebook/Documentation

### **At Assignment**

- Check in with the on-site leader or agency official
- Check in with Net Control to inform you are on site
- Determine location to set up equipment
- Set up your equipment with safety in mind
- Establish radio contact with net control per frequency plan
- Prepare and maintain reports and forms for your task
- Use clear text and ICS terminology in all radio communications (no codes)
- Be mindful of HIPPA concerns
- Carry out assignments as directed

### **At end of shift or demobilization**

- Brief relief communicator on ongoing operations when relieved
- Retrieve all personal gear and return your area to pre-arrival condition
- Check out with net control or return to staging area
- Report to Staging Area for R&R, reassignment or deactivation
- Participate in after action activities as directed
- Communicators may want to maintain personal log of actions and events

### **Team Leader Responsibilities**

- Review common responsibilities
- Participate in incident meetings and briefings as required
- Determine status of unit activities
- Determine resource needs
- Order additional resources as needed
- Provide unit with status updates and reports
- Assign specific duties
- Maintain personnel accountability status
- Monitor safety and security of unit
- Supervise demobilization
- Collect and maintain all unit records and forms

