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AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE ARES / RADIO AMATEUR CIVIL EMERGENCY SERVICE RACES REGISTRATION FORM



Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ County: _____

License Class: _____ eMail Address: _____

Check (✓) Bands/Modes you can operate today with your own equipment:

	160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	6m	2m	1.25m	70cm	Other
CW											
FM											
RTTY											
SSB											
Mobile											
HT											
NBEMS											
DIGITAL											

Can your home station operate without commercial power? () Yes () No

If there is an incident, please indicate which phone number you prefer we use to contact you at: _____

Do you wish to receive email announcements about general ARES matters? () Yes () No

Do you wish to receive email announcements about amateur radio public service opportunities, training and simulations?
() Yes () No

Please list radio clubs, emergency and public serviced groups with which you are affiliated: _____

To All Radio Amateurs: The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) are voluntary organizations of licensed amateurs who have registered their capabilities and equipment for providing emergency communications as a public service to the community. The purpose of the ARES and RACES is to furnish communications in the event of natural or manmade disaster, when regular communications fail or are inadequate. Sponsored by ARRL, the ARES and RACES functions at the local level to meet local communications needs. The ARES and RACES have had a long history of public service going back to its formal inception in 1935. Since that time, the ARES and RACES have responded countless times to communications emergencies. Experience has proven that radio amateurs respond more capably in time of emergency when practice has been conducted in an organized group. There is no substitute for experience gained **before** the need arises. The ARES and RACES in each locality operates under the direction of the Emergency Coordinator (EC) and County Radio Officer (RO), whose function is to direct the activities of the ARES and RACES to maintain a state of readiness. To register in the ARES and/or RACES, send this registration form directly to your EC, or to ARRL Headquarters for forwarding to your EC. **League membership is not required for registration.** Registration does not require the possession of any specially designed equipment. All amateurs can be of assistance to the ARES, regardless of experience, class of license, equipment owned, or personal circumstances. **We want you, won't you join us in providing this essential Amateur Radio service?**

Steve Kuck, K2ALS
Fulton County NY ARES Emergency Coordinator

RACES Approval [] Yes [] No

Fulton County Civil Defense Director

Date

Print the above form and deliver to the Fulton County RACES RO or ARES EC

ARES / RACES
Amateur Radio Emergency Service & Radio Amateur
Civil Emergency Service

What are ARES and RACES? The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) both have very similar goals: to protect life and property during an emergency. Membership in the ARRL or any other organization is not required for either, just a valid Amateur Radio FCC license. In Fulton County NY, ARES and RACES are organized as essentially one group of people. There are technical and legal differences between the two services, outlined below, but it is the same group of Amateurs. Following is a brief description of ARES and RACES. For more detailed information, see the ARRL *Public Service Communications Manual (PSCM)*.

ARES – The Amateur Radio Emergency Service: The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) administers ARES (although you do not have to be a member of the ARRL to participate). Any member can activate the ARES group. ARES provides emergency radio communications to a number of served agencies including local government, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and others.

RACES – the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service: RACES is authorized by Part 97 of the FCC Rules as a local or state government service, there is no Federal RACES. Only the RACES Radio Office of a local government civil preparedness agency can activate RACES in times of emergency. In our county, the local government agency is the Fulton County Civil Defense Office. RACES is used for emergencies which can include natural or technological disasters such as fires, floods, earthquakes, chemical spills, ice storms, etc... During time of war (when the POTUS invokes War Emergency Powers), normal Amateur Radio Service operation is silenced and RACES stations are limited to a pre-defined set of operating frequencies that are within the normal Amateur bands. During all times that Amateur stations are operating under RACES rules, they may only communicate with other RACES stations, and only for the purpose of conveying official civil preparedness emergency communications.

What is the relationship with TRYON ARC? Most Fulton County ARES/RACES members are also members of the TRYON Amateur Radio Club, which is an ARRL Special Service Club (a “ham” club). However, Fulton County ARES/RACES does not require one to be a TRYON ARC member in order to be an ARES/RACES member. TRYON ARC provides the Amateur radio facilities (Fixed Station, Repeaters, EchoLink, Communications Training, etc.) and the all-volunteer technical and administrative personnel to maintain them at a constant state of readiness for use when needed in an emergency

The TRYON ARC is also much more, see the club home web page at www.K2JJI.org and our Facebook page K2JJI for more details. Fulton County ARES/RACES coordinates the organization and training of the volunteers who have registered their willingness to serve. ARES/RACES operators generally use their own and TRYON ARC equipment (e.g. repeaters and EOC Station) in fulfilling their duties as well as equipment put at their disposal through the generosity of other Amateur Radio repeater operators.

How Do I Apply?

Participation in ARES and RACES is voluntary and you may stop at any time. You must be pre-enrolled in RACES in order to participate in RACES activities. **Joint membership in both ARES and RACES is strongly encouraged by the Fulton County Civil Defense Office.**

If you are a licensed Amateur Radio operator, live or work in Fulton County or surrounding area, and are interested in becoming an ARES/RACES volunteer, or would like to know more, please contact:

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Or

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Fulton County ARES Emergency Coordinator