



# Lee County Florida ARES®

Training Bulletin: #1

Course/Topic: ARES® Recommended Training and Participation

ARES® Training Level: ALL

Description: The purpose of this Training Bulletin and others is to provide guidance and directions to obtain and complete many of the training requirements that ARES® members may encounter.

The ARES® Plan as well as the Lee County ARES® Member Training Guidelines outline member training and requirements for members and positions. The guidelines provide direction to members about what is expected of members of ARES® related to training to increase their knowledge as emergency communicators. The guidelines and Florida ARES® Training Taskbook outline the minimum participation, skills, and training for each level of communicator. Members are encouraged to strive to exceed these minimums.

ARES® has made policy changes to resolve issues identified by our partners about the inconsistent training requirements of ARES® participants. The policy is a national standard for qualification in ARES® instituted to address the needs of our partners. The ARES® guidelines meet this standard which is measurable and recognized across a broad spectrum of the country by served partners.

Three levels of training will allow ARES® participants to enter the program and migrate to higher levels of qualification and service.

**Level 1** — This is the entry level for those new to Amateur Radio or emergency communications. This introductory training is conducted by a local ARES® group to meet their needs and those of their served agency or partners. This training could be formal or informal and would introduce the participant to the fundamentals of emergency communications and provide instruction on how participants are to conduct themselves while serving in the field or otherwise activated.

**Level 2** — To qualify for this level, participants shall have completed the following courses: ARRL's EC-001 *Introduction to Amateur Radio Emergency Communications* (or current equivalent) and FEMA IS-100, IS-200, IS 700, and IS-800. Participants are also encouraged to take advantage of training opportunities available through partners to enhance their knowledge and skill set.

**Level 3** — This level of training prepares ARES® participants to take on leadership positions such as EC, ADEC, DEC, ASEC, and SEC, and other designated positions in the ARES® program. Participants are required to complete ARRL's EC-016 *Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs*, when available along with FEMA Professional

Development Series of courses IS-120, IS-230, IS-235 (although not mentioned in the ARES® Plan, it is included in the Professional Development Series), IS-240, IS-241, IS-242, IS-244, and IS-288 the Role of voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management. Participants are also encouraged to complete the FEMA courses IS-300 and IS-400 should they be available locally.

Sources: ARRL ARES® Plan (2019), Lee County ARES® Standard Operating Guidelines, and FEMA Website