

Lee County ARES June 2025





New Members
Guests

Please Silence Your Devices

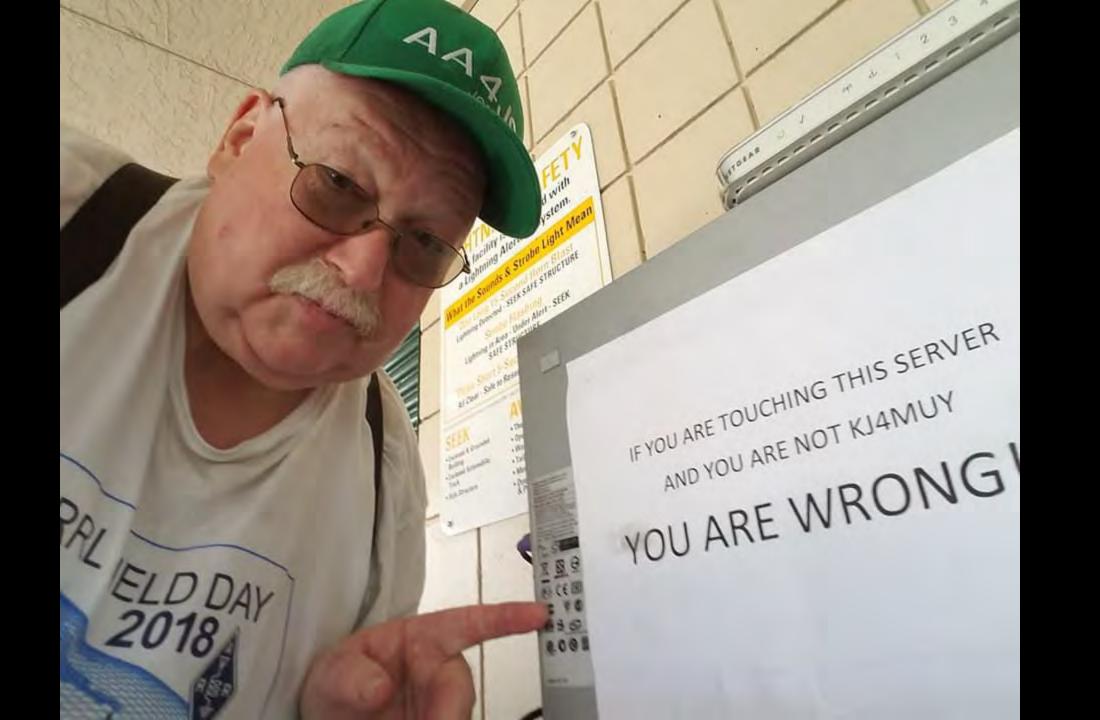




Jon Scharbrough, AA4JS SK

73 and SK, dear friend

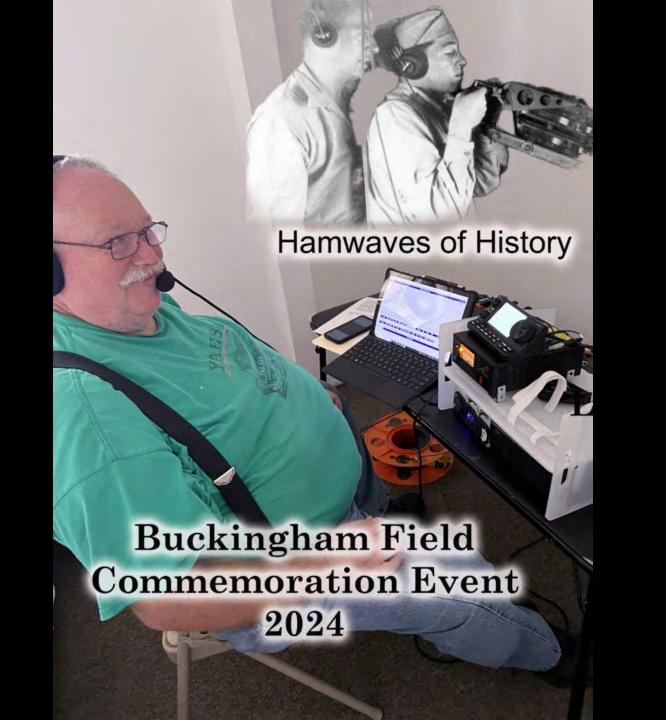
















Invocation Steve Clayton, K4SJC



Emergency Coordinator Rich Schnieders KR4PI



The Lee County ARES Leadership Would like to thank the following members attending several public meetings and events

Lee County Public Safety Center Ribbon Cutting May 29 2025

- 10 KM4LPW TOM PROVENZANO
- 39 KQ4JXE DAN EATON
- 57 KN4WIE WILL FOSTER
- 85 K1CJV CARMINE VETRANO
- 88 KQ4SYA KATHY PROVENZANO
- 89 KQ4KNP BILL MCGEE (AND HIS WIFE)
- 91 NOJAR JOE RICKARD
- 92 K4SJC STEVE CLAYTON
- 107 NK4AA JEFF KENNEDY

Cape Coral Hurricane Expo - 31 May 2025

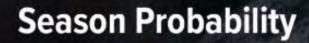
- 12 K4DHP DAVID PORTER
- 13 W4RIC RICK LAWRENCE
- 23 W6WWW TIM BROOKS
- 27 KO4QHN LYNN JOHNSON
- 43 KO4RDZ RYAN BOBNIK
- 45 KQ4JXM CONNIE LEE
- 67 KK4AGX BILL WHITE
- 76 N1DAB DAVID BROUGHTON
- 92 K4SJC STEVE CLAYTON
- 97 KA8FTP RON HENDERSHOT
- 101 W4LJW LEO WINDLER
- 107 NK4AA JEFF KENNEDY

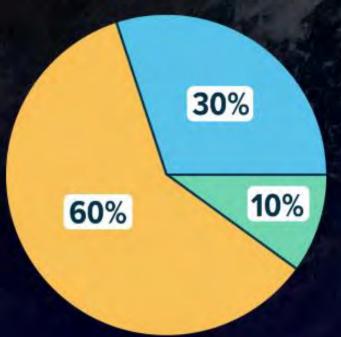
Fort Myers Hurricane Expo - 7 June 2025

- 12 K4DHP DAVID PORTER
- 27 KO4QHN LYNN JOHNSON
- 39 KQ4JXE DAN EATON (COAST GUARD)
- 43 KO4RDZ RYAN BOBNIK
- 67 KK4AGX BILL WHITE
- 85 K1CJV CARMINE VETRANO
- 91 NOJAR JOE RICKARD
- 92 K4SJC STEVE CLAYTON
- 99 K4RAB.- RICK BLACK
- 107 NK4AA JEFF KENNEDY



2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook





Above Normal



Near Normal



Below Normal

Named Storms 13 - 19

> **Hurricanes** 6 - 10

Major Hurricanes 3-5



On June 2, 2025, ARES Leadership participated in the 2025 Lee County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Briefing

Community Outreach Team



Operations Chief **AEC Dave Sheppard W2PAX**



Planning Section Chief & PIO AEC Jeff Kennedy NK4AA Deputy Planning Section Chief & PIO DAEC Carmine Vetrano K1CJV

Planning Section: ARES Participation in the FMARC Mentor Program



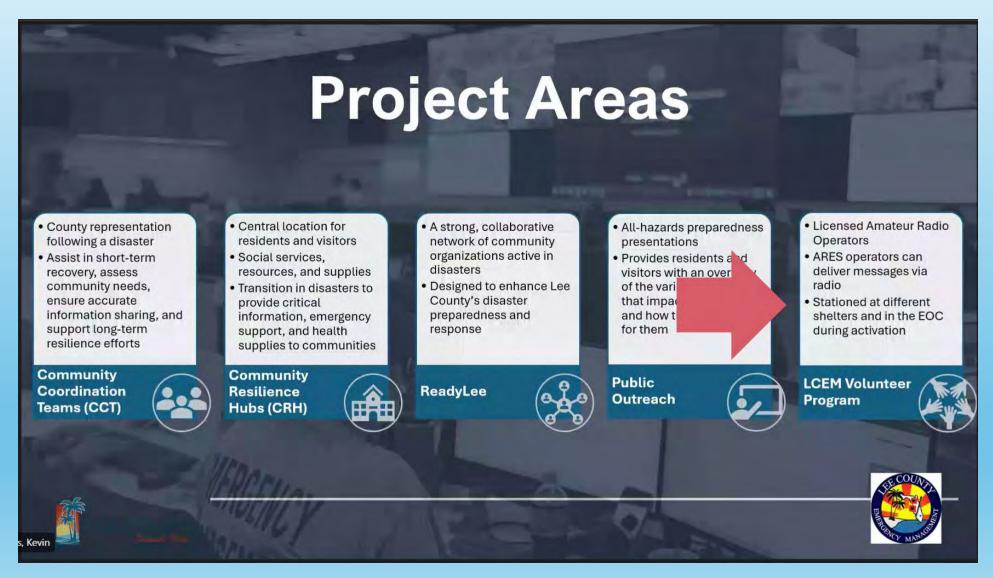
We are looking for individuals that are members of ARES and FMARC to assist in the new FMARC mentor program.

Task would be to accept radiogram traffic and deliver the radiogram to the addressee.

The Addressee would be newly licensed Amateur Radio Operators.

The goal is to answer any question they would have regarding FMARC or ARES and to invite them to upcoming events such as the next meetings, swap shop, lunch bunch, field day, hamfest etc.

From the EOC Responder Briefing





Focus: ARES role in Lee Co EM

- Deliver messages via radio
- Stations at shelters and the EOC

- Licensed Amateur Radio Operators
- ARES operators can deliver messages via radio
- Stationed at different shelters and in the EOC during activation

LCEM Volunteer Program



Yellow Zone Net Exercise Results



- Saturday, June 7
- NO formal participation
- There was 'kerchunking'
- One report of listening and waiting for an hour

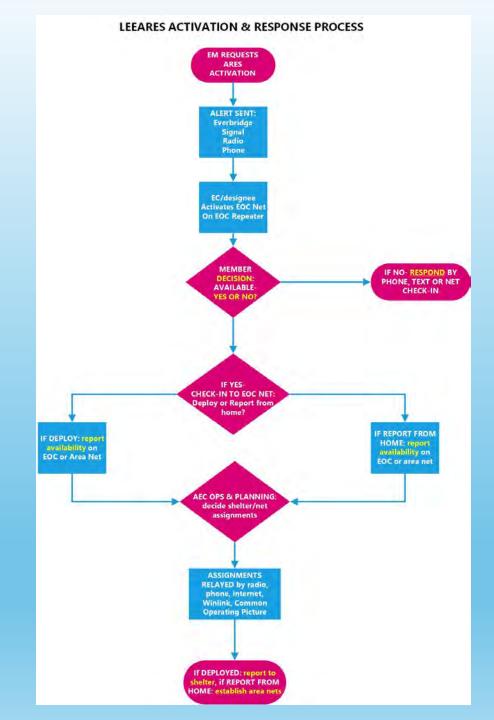
Takeaways:

- Somebody has to step up and start the net
- Remember, this is an exercise

Zone	Check-ins	
Red	0	
Blue	0	
Green	0	
Non-Member	0	
Yellow	0	
TOTAL	0	

Process-Activation, Notification & Response

 From Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)





Activation Process- Notification & Response

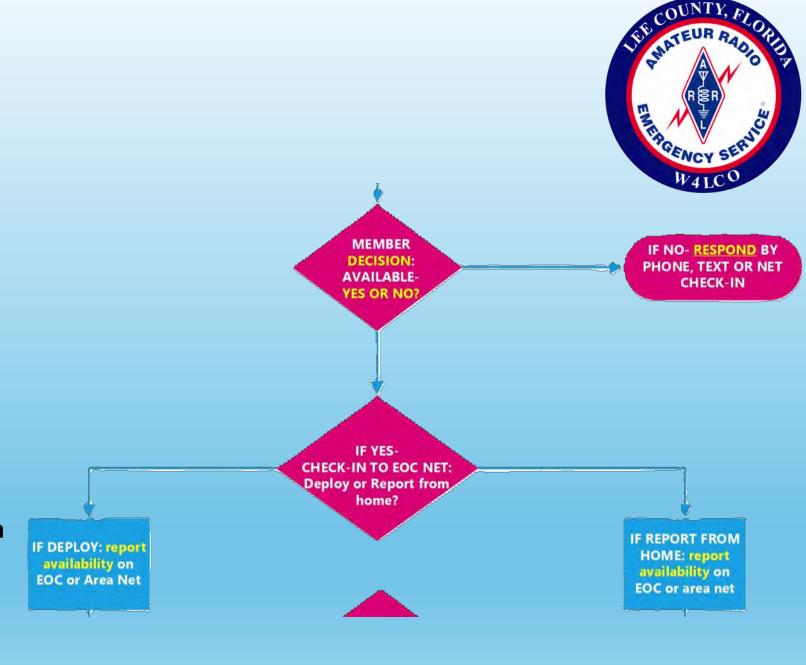
- 1. EM request to ARES EC
- 2. Member alerts
 - 1. Join the Lee ARES SIGNAL group
 - 2. Monitor local repeaters
- 3. EOC Net
 - 1. Channel 1
 - 2. 147.165 MHz





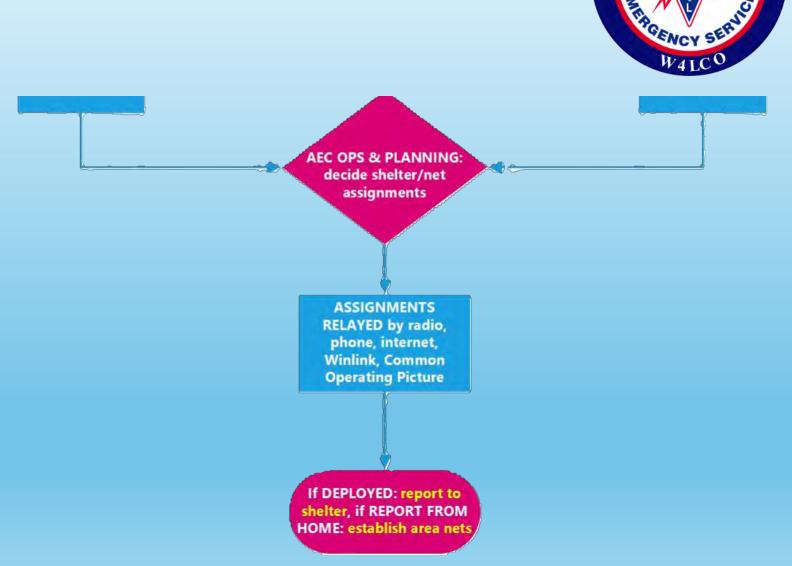
Activation Process-Notification & Response

- 1. DECIDE: Are you available, YES or NO?
 - 1. NO- please RESPOND even if you are not available
 - 2. YES- proceed to next decision
- 2. DECIDE: DEPLOY or WORK FROM HOME?
 - 1. Report your decision via EOC net or area net (if activated)



Activation Process-Notification & Response

- 1. AEC's OPS & Planning uses your response to determine shelter and net assignments.
- 2. Assignments are passed by radio (nets), phone/email (if available), WINLINK, and Common Operating Picture.
 - 1. IMPORTANTacknowledge receipt of your assignment!







Questions?



Logistics Section Chief AEC John Wells, W4CMH Deputy Logistics Section Chief DAEC Bill Sowell, W6WHS

Logistics



- All equipment is functioning
- Equipment at the EOC will be moved to new locations when the equipment shelves are assigned
- Repeater equipment for the 146.820 repeater duplexer has been installed
- Repeater 146.685 still awaiting action

Logistics

- ARES "Newbie Navigator"- Bill Sowell, W6WHS
 - Help and encouragement in getting ARES Task Book skills signed off
 - ARES skill competency through private coaching or group training
 - Memorizing the US military phonetic alphabet
 - Help with formal message traffic handling and Color Zone net control skills
 - What to expect before, during and after ARES activation and deployment
 - Radio Equip, Uniform, ID, Professional conduct & procedures, food, clothing, sleeping bag, etc.
 - What forms to bring & complete, how to turn them in for processing & credit hours
 - How to navigate the FEMA Emergency Mgt. Institute ICS Courses required
 - ICS 100, 200, 700, 800, 300/400, others
 - How to navigate the ARRL Courses required
- Big Audacious Goal ("BAG") for CY2025: >85% LC ARES Members to be "Level 2 Qualified" by 31 Dec 2025
- Please contact Bill Sowell after the meeting



Logistics

CPR/AED COURSE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

- o American Red Cross CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers r.24-8 Hours, \$100 per person*
 - SATURDAY 19 JULY & 26 JULY 2025 0900-1300 ET @ LEE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER (EOC) TRAINING ROOM
 - Certification valid two years- Identical certification required by Lee County Police, Fire, EMS & Lifeguards for Basic Life Support (BLS)
 - Class size limited to 20 persons maximum. Course fees need to be paid at the first class session
 - Using brand-new lifelike CPR manikins and AED Trainers
 - Course topics include:
 - Bag Valve Mask (BVM) resuscitator
 - Single Rescuer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) /Automated External Defibrillator (AED)- Adult, Child, Infant
 - Two-Rescuer CPR/AED- Adult, Child, Infant
 - · Obstructed Airway- Adult, Child, Infant
 - Multiple Rescuer Teams with Multiple Rescue Scenarios
 - Add on topics / certification: 1. Anaphylaxis & Epinephrine Autoinjector Administration; 2. Opiod Overdose & Naloxone / Narcan Administration
 - No Written Exam / Only Practical & Oral Examinations
- o Instruction provided by Argonaut Medical Training LLC- A Florida Corporation & Veteran-owned Business
 - Has trained and certified >19,000 Healthcare, EMS, Fire, Police & Lifeguard professionals and Civilians since 1974
 - COURSE FACULTY: Natalya Schenck & DR. BILL SOWELL, MD, FACEP
 - Argonaut Medical Training LLC is a Licensed Training Provider of the American Red Cross, NAUI & Florida Dept of Education
 - *We have applied a special "Friends & Family Discount" for this course [Regularly \$120-\$150 market price]



REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE TODAY!



Licensed Training Provider

Training



- Winlink drills continue
- ARRL Field Day Presentation

ARRL Field Day (ARES Practice)



ARRL Field Day is held annually and this year it is on June 28-29, 2025. It is an excellent and widely recognized practice for Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) groups. It serves as a crucial exercise in emergency preparedness for several key reasons outlined on the following slides.

Simulating Emergency Conditions



• Field Day encourages amateur radio operators to set up temporary stations in "the field," often without access to commercial power or internet. This simulates the conditions that might be present during a real disaster when normal communications infrastructure is offline.

Practicing Rapid Deployment



 ARES teams can use Field Day to practice quickly deploying antennas, radios, and power sources (like generators, solar panels, and batteries). This proficiency in rapid setup is vital for providing immediate communication support in a crisis.

Testing Equipment & Skills



• It's an opportunity to thoroughly test all equipment, including radios and antennas to power systems and logging software, under operational conditions. Operators also hone their skills in various modes of communication (voice, digital, Morse code) and learn to adapt to less-thanoptimal environments.

Promoting Interoperability & Teamwork



 Many ARES groups and members participate in Field Day as a team, fostering cooperation, communication, and problem-solving among members. They often work with local emergency management agencies, enhancing interoperability.

Demonstrating Public Service Capabilities



 Field Day serves as a public demonstration of amateur radio's value in emergency communications. It allows ARES groups to showcase their ability to provide reliable communication when all else fails. informing the public and potential recruits about the vital role Amateur Radio operators play related to emergency communication.

Developing Operational Endurance



•The event typically runs for 24 continuous hours, requiring operators to work shifts and maintain efficiency over an extended period, mirroring the demands of a real-world emergency.

Identifying Strengths & Weaknesses



 Through the process of setting up, operating, and making contacts, ARES groups and members can identify areas where they excel and areas that need improvement in their emergency communication plans and procedures.

Practicing Message Handling



 Some Field Day activities include sending formal messages, like radiograms, which are crucial for welfare related activity and disseminating information during disasters.

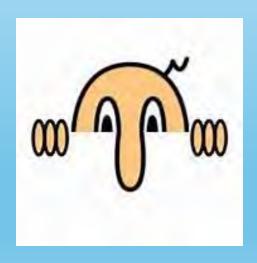
Conclusion



 ARRL Field Day provides a structured, nationwide framework for ARES members to practice and refine the skills and procedures necessary to provide effective emergency communication services. It's not just a contest; it's a vital training exercise that significantly contributes to disaster preparedness and for ARES members to practice for activations.



Questions / Discussion?





Administration Section Chief AEC Joe Rickard NØJAR Deputy Administration Section Chief DAEC Don Domina KCØDE

LeeARES Admin Database and Website Project Update

The Goal

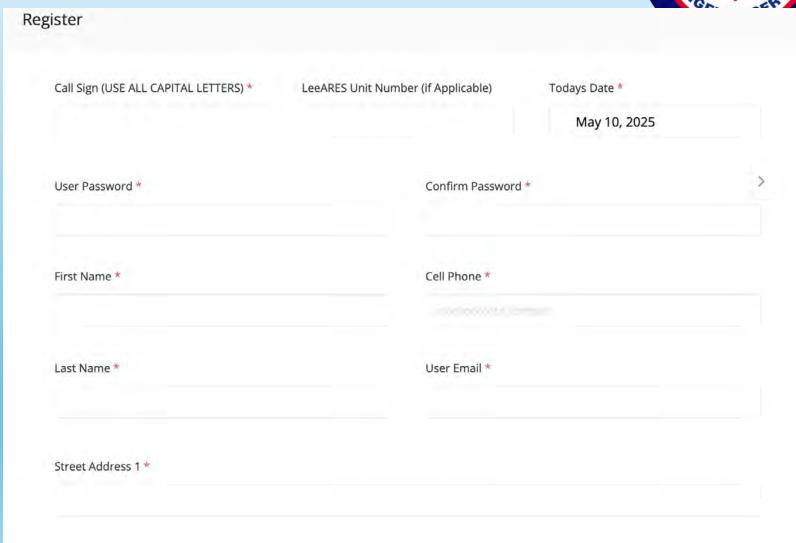
- The original goal was to create an online database that would be maintained by the individual members.
- The original product chosen was the same as the product originally used by FMARC (WordPress WP Members).
 - That product caused numerous issues
 - Inability to securely provide logins for members
 - Issues with security
 - Lack of support from product developers
- About two months ago the decision was made to begin testing alternate products and a new one was chosen.
 - It is versatile, secure and free for our current needs.

Process

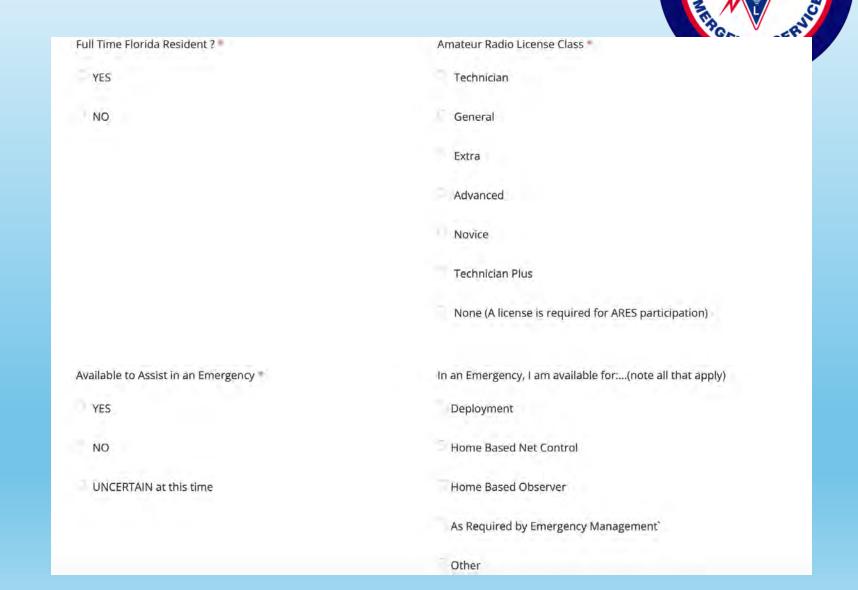
- All LeeARES members are asked to REGISTER on the LeeARES website
 with a specific URL to be provided at the end of this meeting.
 - Registration will trap personal info along with training, technical skills, capabilities and any other pertinent info needed to support the LeeARES mission.
 - Registration is "Keyed" to the Call Sign. ALL CAPITAL LETTERS ARE REQUIRED for the CALL SIGN.
 - Part of the registration process is creation of a password.
 - Each registration must be approved by LeeARES Admin to prevent spam hackers.
 - Once approved, members will be able to log in and maintain their own information. They cannot change their call sign; that will require a new registration. Also, CALL SIGNS must be in ALL CAPS. They will be reminded of this at registration.
 - Certificates provided as proof of course completion have been retained. There
 is no need to resubmit but please note that you have completed the appropriate
 course or training.

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The registration process traps personal info



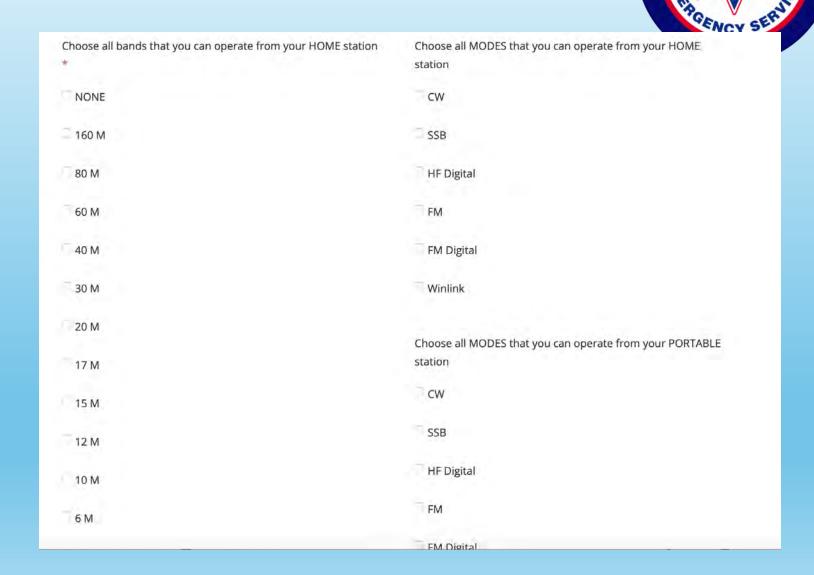
 Skills and Licenses



Formal Training



• Equipment and capabilities.



Log In

 Once registered and approved, members will be able to log into their personal profiles.



Passw	vord *		
	Remember Me	Lost your p	assword?

General Info

- Consideration was given to "preloading" existing information but the decision was made to have fresh data. Most data is several years old. This will also assist us in determining who is active in LeeARES.
- The rollout will commence at the June meeting of LeeARES (6/17)
 - All members will get an email in June with the information and instructions. This will go to those who did not attend the in-person meeting and those who did.
 - You are asked to complete the task no later than 7/10.
 - Admin will be available via email/phone to assist. Admin@leeares.com.

Thank You

 Registration assistance will be available at the end of tonight's meeting and via an email to all LeeARES members in the next couple of days.

Menus

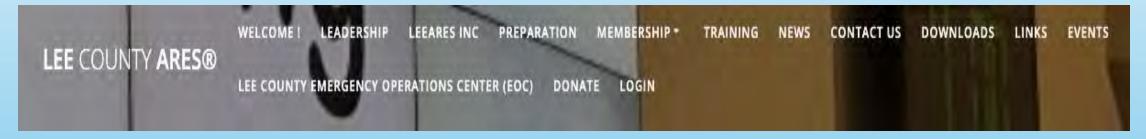


 Opportunity to update the LeeARES website with the New Registration roll-out.

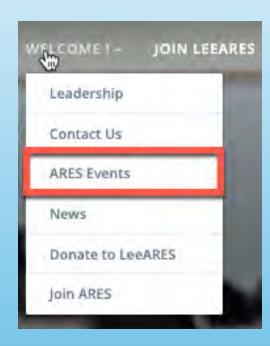
- Mentioned at May ARES Meeting.
 - o Purpose is to consolidate redundant information.
 - Create more logical pages for ease of use.
 - Presentation in June ARES Meeting for both New Registration and Updated Website

Master Menu Change





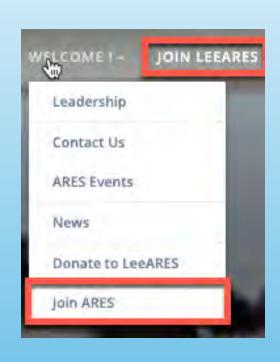
WELCOME ! - JOIN LEEARES MEMBER - LINKS - LEE COUNTY EM DONATE TO LEEARES











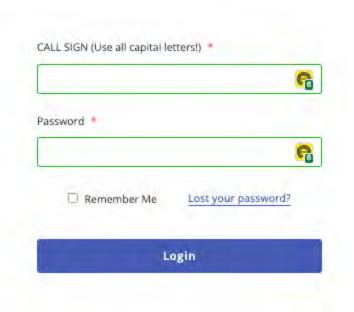


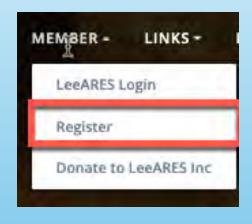




This page is for LeeARES members who have already REGISTERED and been APPROVED.

Use your call sign and your Password to access your information. If you have not registered please navigate to the "REGISTER" page. If you have any issues, please send an email to admin@leeares.com.







This page is intended for both new and existing LeeARES registrations.

- New LeeARES Members should complete the appropriate information to the best of your ability.
 You will have an opportunity to revise/review/update information once your application has been approved.
- Existing LeeARES Members, please complete the form on this page. Include all pertinent information. Once the administrators have approved your registration information you will be able to log in and change/update/correct any information.

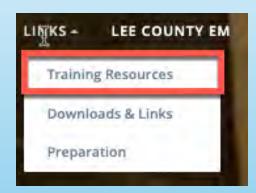
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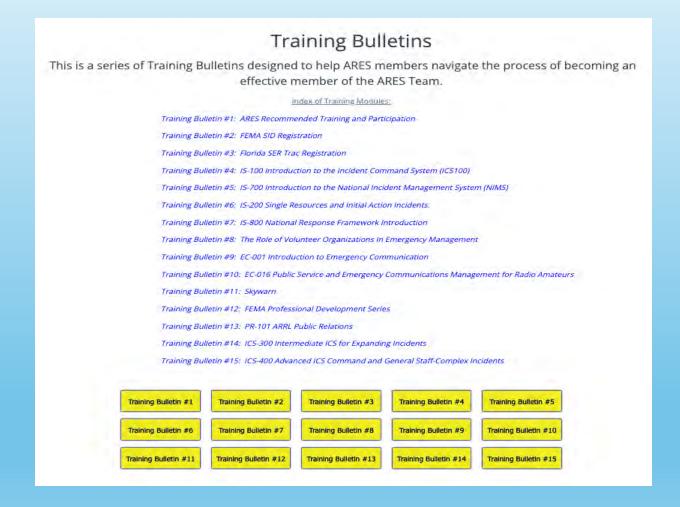
- Your CALL SIGN is the key to your record. It cannot be changed. It must be entered in ALL CAPITAL
 LETTERS. If it is not, the registration will be rejected and you will have to re-enter the information.
- If you change your call sign you will have to re-enter your information. You will have to notify
 admin@leeares.com BEFORE you start a new registration. Admin has to disable your old registration and
 email before a new registration can be attempted.

Once you have registered (both new and existing members), Admin will review the information and approve your account. You will receive email confirmation of approval.

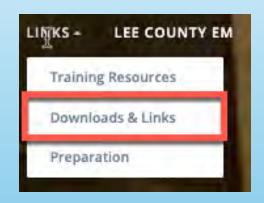
After approval, you can use the "Login" function in the menu at the top of the LeeARES.com website to navigate to your profile. **You** are responsible for keeping your information up to date. **You** can change your email, address, training, skills and any other information (**other than Call Sign**). It is password protected so make note of the password you choose during registration.

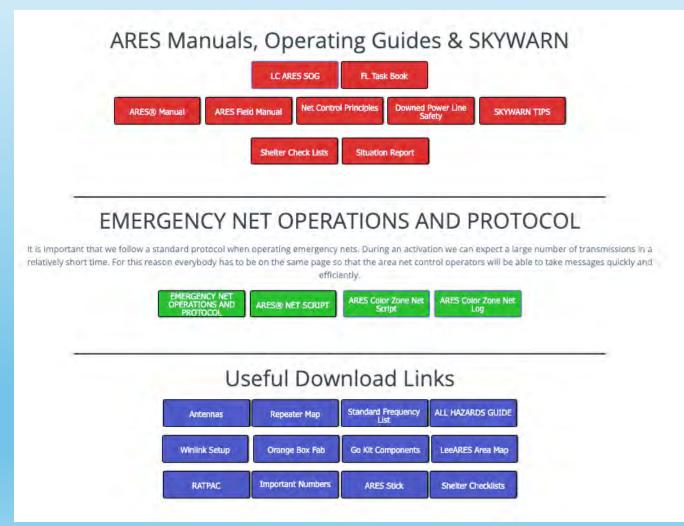




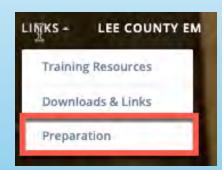
















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MEMBER +

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Lee County Emergency Management

Lee County Public Safety Center

EOC Web Site: www.leegov.com · Office Phone 239-533-0622

Lee County is a wonderful place to work and play. Few places have weather as mild, sunny and ideal for outdoor recreation. However, this setting can change very quickly when natural or man-made hazards threaten our area. Hurricanes, water shortages and wildfires are threats we must deal with. The terrible events of September 11, 2001 also brought home the harsh reality of the world we now live in.

The hazards we face in Southwest Florida are as much a part of our lives as driving to work, walking on the beach or surviving another winter tourist season. Most of us realize the importance of preparing for the more significant hazards such as hurricanes. But when they occur, the consequences can still be devastating if we have not properly prepared to protect our lives and property.

Safeguarding the life and property of its people is an innate responsibility of government. In Florida Statutes, Chapter 252, each county is required to establish and maintain an emergency management agency. Lee County established an agency for this purpose in 1975.

Today we are known as Lee County Emergency Management and are managed through the County's Division of Public Safety. The Division also includes Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Communications, Emergency Dispatch and Enhanced 9-1-1.

John Shultz, Chief Emergency Management





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Donate to LeeARES Inc.

LeaARES** Inc. is the ARRL® recognized ARES® group in Lee County. LeaARES inc. provides backup communications in the event of a failure of primary communications at any of our served agencies. Our primary served agency is Lee County Emergency Management, but we also support the various fire Departments, hisspicals, and other empires that assist county residents.

in addition, LeeARES inc. is an education provider to the public. We attend various events to promote:

- Amateur Radio
- Hurricane/Disaster Preparedness
- Volunteer Service to Citizens

Donations entirely fund LeeARES Inc. Members pay no dues, and we are not reimbursed for any of our activities. Those who join LeeARES Inc. give their time and provide their own equipment when serving others.

by making a recurring donation to LeeARES Inc., You are directly contributing to the acquisition of equipment, training and support that is crucial for our operations. Items like radios, emergency power sources, portable antennas, digital communication devices and others are all used in today's backup communications support. A small donation of \$ 5 to \$10 a month will go a long way in ensuring we can continue to supply support to our neighbors.

LeeARES Inclis a not for profit 501(c)3 organization and is registered in the state of Florida. Your donation is not only a contribution to our cause but also a potential tax benefit. If requested, we will provide you with a donation receipt that may permit you to daim your gift on your taxes.

LeeARES Inc. thanks you and the people of Lee County thank you for your donation.

The Leadership Staff of LeeARES Inc.

Please note:

You may donate via PayPai or credit card by clicking the "DONATE via PayPai" button below.

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You may also send a check made out to "LeeARES Inc". Send the check to:

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Or you may give the check to any member of the ARES Leadership Team.



Thank You!



Questions

Registration URL



https://leeares.com/register