



**ARRL - the National Association for Amateur Radio**  
**ARES - Amateur Radio Emergency Service®**

**ARRL - the National Association for Amateur Radio**, is a non-commercial association of radio amateurs bonded together for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation, for the relaying of messages by radio, for the advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare, for the representation of the radio amateur in legislative matters and for the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

ARRL has been serving the general public directly and government and relief agencies for more than 75 years. To that end, in 1935 the league organized the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps (now called the **Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES)**). Together, ARES is part of the League's public service Field Organization of volunteer radio amateurs. As leaders and representatives of radio amateurs, the ARRL has responsibilities in motivation, education, policy and leadership in promoting Amateur Radio functions in the public service, especially in times of emergency when the resources of radio amateurs may be most survivable communications available.

The **ARES Oklahoma (ARES-OK)** organization consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes or other communication emergencies occur.

As a way of keeping our emergency communications skills sharp; in addition to participating with many exercises and drills with our government partners ARES volunteers also provide communications for many non-profit groups' events during community events - such as "Fun Runs", Bike Rides, Walk-a-thons, and the like.

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## Memoranda of Understandings

One of the principal justifications for continued access to the Amateur Radio spectrum is public service. A major part of Amateur Radio's public service and emergency communications activities are conducted within the context of the ARRL's formal agreements with the emergency management, government organizations, NGOs, non-profits and public service agencies.

The ARRL (ARES) has long standing MOUs in place with the following:

National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

American Red Cross

Salvation Army & SATERN

SKYWARN (National Weather Service)

Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO-International)

Citizen Corps (Department of Homeland Security)

And many other government and non-government organizations



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