

## HOW CAN WE HELP YOU ?

In a variety of ways !

Do you, or agencies within your organization, need to divert routine communications away from operational or tactical radio channels during an emergency ?

Does your agency need an organized back-up communications link which can be called into action if your usual communications links become overloaded or disrupted ?

Are you in need of reliable interagency communications during emergencies ?

If so, volunteer amateur radio operators and ARES can fill the gap.

Does your organization sponsor public service events such as walk-a-thons ?

Would reliable communications allow you to sponsor a safer, more coordinated event ?

If so, amateur radio and ARES fits the bill.

### Contact Information:

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Northeast Louisiana

# A.R.E.S.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

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**Providing Voluntary Communications in  
Time of Need**

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## ABOUT A.R.E.S

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) consists of FCC licensed amateur radio operators who have been trained in emergency communications and have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. While not intended to be a primary means of communications, ARES provides support operations as well as a reliable backup system when all normal means of communications fail.

Many ARES member are also trained storm spotters for the National Weather Service and assist in reporting severe weather and tornadoes through the SKYWARN Network.

Many members also have specialized training in HAZMAT, First Aid, CPR, Shelter Operations, and other related training opportunities, offered throughout the year.

ARES members are briefed on upcoming and post events, participate in regular training exercises in order to test communications capability, as well as lend communications assistance during special community events, including: Walk-A-Thons, Poker Runs, Concerts, Fairs, Festivals, Parades and Sporting events.

Communication services are provided free of charge as a community service to Federal, State, and local governments, as well as non-profit organizations.

The Northeast Louisiana ARES District covers 12 parishes, including: Caldwell, East Carroll, West Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union.

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## RESOURCES & EQUIPMENT

Communications are conducted using amateur radio, which allows greater flexibility of communications. Unlike FRS, GMRS, and other bands and modes that have limited frequencies and range, amateur radio allows communications for each event and incident to be uniquely customized for greater efficiency of operation.

ARES has a number of fixed repeater systems available that are used to extend the range of handheld and mobile units during field operations. For certain situations outside of the normal repeater coverage area, a special portable 100 foot tower with repeater system can be setup on site to extend coverage.

For long-range communications, HF radios are used to communicate across the state or world.

Digital modes are also available that integrate with existing e-mail systems, and provide a more secure means of communication.

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## SERVED AGENCIES

Northeast Louisiana ARES provides communications assistance to the following agencies in the Northeast District including:

Ouachita Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP)  
NELA Chapter of the American Red Cross  
Salvation Army  
Louisiana State Police  
Ouachita Sheriff's Department  
Ouachita Parish Fire Department  
Ouachita Parish Public Works Department  
Monroe Fire, Police and Public Works Department  
West Monroe Fire, Police and Public Works Departments  
FEMA  
LOEP  
LANG  
National Weather Service  
DHH  
OPH  
EAS Broadcast Stations  
Northeast Louisiana Hospital Assoc. and others as deemed necessary

### \* **Background Checks**

Several agencies may handle sensitive information and have specific requirements before allowing access. For security purposes, ARES members are required to undergo a background check.

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