

Santa Cruz County ARES Training Requirements

A. Basic ARES Membership

Required to Achieve Basic Membership

1. Obtain an FCC-Issued Amateur Radio License.
2. Join a Santa Cruz County ARES group and attend monthly meetings.

Required to Maintain Basic Membership

1. Maintain an active FCC-issued Amateur radio License.
2. Participate in at least 4 ARES nets every 12 months.
3. Attend at least 4 ARES monthly meetings every 12 months.
4. Track the successful completion of your training tasks.
5. Respond to an annual email list purge indicating continued interest.

B. Level 1 ARES Membership

Required to Achieve Level 1 Membership

Basic ARES membership, plus:

1. Complete ICS 100, *Introduction to Incident Command System*.
2. Participate in 3 ARES nets.
3. Participate in 1 ARES event.

Required to Maintain Level 1 Membership

1. Maintain an active FCC-issued Amateur radio License.
2. Participate in at least 5 ARES nets every 12 months.
3. Attend at least 4 ARES monthly meetings every 12 months.
4. Participate at least 1 ARES event annually.
5. Respond to an annual email list purge indicating continued interest.

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Note: Tasks may be completed in any order, except for ICS courses which must be completed in sequence.

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C. Level 2 ARES Membership

Required to Achieve Level 2 Membership

Level 1 ARES membership, plus:

1. Complete ARRL EC-001, *Introduction to Emergency Communications*.
2. Complete ICS-200, *ICS for Single Resources*.
3. Complete ICS-700, *Introduction to National Incident Management System*.
4. Complete ICS-800, *National Response Framework*.
5. Participate in 4 additional ARES nets.
6. Participate in 3 additional ARES events.
7. Attend 4 ARES meetings.
8. Demonstrate these skills:
 - a. Program a frequency, tone, and repeater offset into an HT.
 - b. Write a message using ICS 213. By radio, send and receive an ICS-213 message.
 - c. Complete an ICS-214 Activity Log at an ARES event.
 - d. Assemble an 8-hour deployment kit.

Required to Maintain Level 2 Membership

1. Maintain an active FCC-issued Amateur radio License.
2. Participate in at least 10 ARES nets every 12 months.
3. Act as net control station for at least 1 ARES net every 12 months.
4. Attend at least 6 ARES monthly meetings every 12 months.
5. Participate in at least 4 ARES events every 12 months.
6. Respond to an annual email list purge indicating continued interest.

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D. Level 3 ARES Leadership Membership

Required to Achieve Level 3 Membership

Level 2 Membership, plus:

1. Join ARRL
2. Assist in the organization of 2 ARES events.
3. Present a topic of interest at an ARES meeting.
4. Demonstrate ability to work under pressure.
5. Get approval of County DEC.

Required to Maintain Level 3 Membership

1. Maintain an active FCC-issued Amateur radio License.
2. Maintain ARRL membership.
3. Organize one or more ARES event every 12 months, or maintain one important ARES process (e.g. credentialing).
4. Attend at least 9 ARES meetings every 12 months unless excused by DEC.