
Oldham County ARES®

Newsletter



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OC ARES General Meetings

Next Meeting : Tuesday Mar 13, 2012

The Oldham County ARES general meetings are normally held at 1900 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Oldham County Red Cross building, 1215 N Highway 393, Buckner, KY 40010.

NEW MEETING DATES AND NEW LOCATION

Due to several people not being able to attend a Thursday meeting and to keep away from the Thanksgiving and Christmas major holidays, we have changed our meeting date to the 2nd Tuesday of each month and the location to the Oldham County Red Cross building, 1215 N Highway 393, Buckner, KY 40010.

All interested radio Amateurs are welcome. Talk-in is on the 147.390 repeater.



Communication Information

Oldham County ARES Net:

Every Monday at 8:00pm local on the 147.390 repeater.

This net also serves Henry and Trimble Counties.

Training Update

One of the important goals of Oldham County ARES is to make sure that members are trained with a basic knowledge of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS). When a member completes the required training modules, they are soon acknowledged for their achievement.

Please make time to work towards completion of the required training so we can better assist our served agencies.

Scheduled Events

The Oldham County ARES group plans to be more active in 2012 now that the most of the startup and organizational tasks are complete. Members should be aware of the following events and mark their calendars:

Weather Conference, Feb 24-25, 2012

Dayton Hamvention, May 18-20, 2012

Tour De Cure (Diabetes) May 19, 2012

Oldham County Days in July 2012

Ironman Triathlon in August 2012

Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air in October 2012

**OC ARES Meeting
February 14, 2012**

OC ARES Publication

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The deadline for submissions to the OC ARES Newsletter is 1700 local on the fourth Friday of each month. Information can be forwarded by e-mail to ke6ycw@bellsouth.net, in plain text or most Microsoft Office file formats.

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147.390 MHz, "plus" offset, 151.4 Hz PL

The general meeting for Oldham County ARES was held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday February 14, 2012 at the Red Cross building, 1215 North Highway 393, Buckner, KY 40010.

OC ARES Emergency Coordinator, Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), conducted the meeting. There were 6 attendees.

Oldham Members: Rick Ewen (W4TLE), Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ), Bob Brown (KD4HGE), Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN).

Guests: Keith Stevenson (AJ4KI)

New Members: None

New Licenses/Upgrades: None

OPERATING

None

UPCOMING EVENTS

Red Cross Overview, Feb 11, 2012, Buckner
Weather Conference, Feb 24-25, 2012, Bowling Green
Dayton Hamvention, May 18-20, 2012, Dayton, OH
Tour De Cure, May 19, 2012, Louisville Area

PROGRAM

The main focus of the night was to see if a packet station set up at the Red Cross building could reach any of the surrounding packet gateways. Unfortunately, no success was found and was attributed to the lack of a good antenna (a mag-mount was used). We won't know our capabilities unless we test. Jay Spears (KI4AHX) is planning on putting up a Digipeater in Henry County that should allow us to reach his gateway in Sulfur.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday Mar 13, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

Red Cross Disaster Services Overview Training Sessions

The Oldham County ARES group, in cooperation with the local chapter of the American Red Cross, held 2 training sessions on Saturday February 11, 2012 at the Oldham County Red Cross building in Buckner, KY.

The training session were conducted by Nancy Kern, K9NJK, Disaster Instructor and Paul Kern, NK4P, Amateur Radio Communications Liaison for the Louisville Chapter of the American Red Cross.



The training session were for anyone who might be called upon to serve in a Red Cross disaster shelter. It is required for volunteering in a shelter as an

amateur radio operator and for all other service opportunities in Disaster Response.

There was an amazing turnout of both amateur radio operators and other interested parties, including surrounding area EMP personnel. There were 45 people who went through the training between the 2 sessions.



Rick Ewen (W4TLE), Assistance Emergency Coordinator for Oldham County ARES, spearheaded the effort and made sure the training received maximum exposure through emails, web postings, net announcements and any other form of communication available.

With its resounding success, Nancy and Paul

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Local Area ARES Nets

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>PL</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Mon	7:30 pm	146.700 -	79.7	Brooks	KY4KY	Mesotrack Skywarn
Mon	8:00 pm	147.390 +	151.5	Crestwood	KY4OC	Oldham County ARES
Tue	7:30 pm	146.880 -	100.0	Louisville	W4PF	Jefferson County ARES
Wed	9:00 pm	147.000 +	173.8	Shelbyville	KE4LR	Shelby County ARES
Wed	9:00 pm	146.850 -	none		W9JBQ	Clark County IN ARES
Thur	8:30 pm	145.390 -	107.2		KY4LAW	Anderson County ARES
Thur	9:00 pm	444.050 +	91.5	Shelbyville	KB4PTJ	Williamsburg Wide Area

Legislative News: Payroll Tax Bill Includes Provision for Amateur Radio Study

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presented both Rick Ewen and Roman Rusinek with certificates of appreciation from the American Red Cross.



As an added bonus, we were provided first right of refusal on the W4ARC club call for use during Field Day 2012. In actuality, we are establishing a great relationship with the Red Cross. (and while we work great together, Rick and I are not holding hands!).

Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

A bill that passed both the House and the Senate on February 17 -- and signed into law by President Obama on Wednesday, February 22 -- includes a provision for a study of the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief.

Section 6414 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 mandates the completion of the study, with a report of the findings to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. This study would "use the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations" to recommend how to best use radio amateurs in emergency communications and disaster relief efforts, and how to best utilize the Amateur Radio Service in coordination with the federal government in these efforts. In addition, the study would also discuss the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use restrictions on residential antenna installations and recommend ways to remove such impediments.

The bill passed in the House by a vote of 293-132. In the Senate, it passed by a 60-36 vote.

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Oldham County ARES Net Control Schedule

January 2012 - March 2012

The Monday night Net Control Operator schedule is listed below. Everyone is invited to check in to the net. We welcome additional Net Control Operators. Please contact me if you would like more information.

March	5	KE6YCW	Roman		April	2	KE6YCW	Roman
	12	W4TLE	Rick			9	W4TLE	Rick
	19	KD4HGE	Bob			16	KD4HGE	Bob
	26	KB4IFE	Craig			23	KB4IFE	Craig
						30	KB4IFE	Craig
May	7	KE6YCW	Roman					
	14	W4TLE	Rick					
	21	KD4HGE	Bob					
	28	KB4IFE	Craig					

Things to do: Net Preamble
 Announcements
 Check-ins
 Stats to EC

After the net, please email me the check-in list.
 Thanks. **Roman KE6YCW**

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Prospect, KY
May 19, 2012**

Questions can be directed to Bob Brown at the kd4hge@insightbb.com or 502-241-7123.

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ARRL Digital Technology for Emergency Communications Course

"This course is a great starting point for anyone interested in the public service applications of digital communications technology." -- Steve Ford, WB8IMY, course author and *QST* Editor/ARRL Publications Manager

In this course, the student will be introduced to all the ways Amateur Radio operators are using digital technology as a valuable emergency communications tool. The topics discussed during the course include: Packet radio; APRS; Winlink 2000; IRLP; EchoLink and WIRES-II; D-STAR; APCO25; HF sound card modes; Automatic Link Establishment (ALE). The course will help answer questions such as: Can you transfer supply lists or personnel assignments between emergency operations sites? Can you get critical e-mails to the Internet if a connection goes down? Can you relay digital images of damage at specific locations? Can you track the locations of emergency personnel and display them on computer maps?

Illustrations, screenshots, Internet links and audio files are used to demonstrate transmission modes and equipment configurations. Bite-sized learning units and interactive knowledge checks make learning interesting and fun.

See supplemental material and product support for [The ARRL Digital Technology for Emergency Communications Course](#). Self-study. CD-ROM, version 1.1.

K1CE For a Final

There has been extensive discussion on training and certification lately; for example, in the March issue of *QST*, Public Service column. In the February issue, an article on the contemporary EOC environment spoke briefly to the topic. The same EOC "types" or classifies its volunteers by their experience levels, and their training and certifications. Here is the matrix the emergency manager uses to select volunteers for specific duties during emergency or disaster situations. It provides some guidance to us as radio amateurs on training to take, and certifications to obtain, to make ourselves more valuable to the EOC professionals. This matrix is used by the Flagler County, Florida, emergency services department:

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Certifications	Type IV	Type III	Type II	Type I
IS-100 Introduction to ICS	X	X	X	X
IS-200 ICS for Single Resources		X	X	X
IS-700 NIMS, An Introduction	X	X	X	X
IS-800.B National Response Framework		X	X	X
IS-230 Principals of Emergency Management		X	X	X
IS-235 Emergency Planning				X
IS-240 Leadership and influence				X
IS-241 Decision Making and Problem Solving				X
IS-242 Effective Communications			X	X
IS-244 Developing and Managing Volunteers			X	X
IS-288 The Role of Volunteer Agencies			X	X
I-300 Intermediate ICS			X	X
I-400 Advanced ICS				X
I-701 NIMS Multiagency Coordination Systems				X
I-703 NIMS Resource Management				X
CERT			X	X
Ham Radio license or GMRS			X	X
CPR			X	X
Volunteer Experience:				
- Less than 6 months	X			
- 6 Months		X		
- 1 year			X	
- 2 Years				X

When all else fails ... Amateur Radio

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About Oldham County ARES



The Oldham County Kentucky Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is an all volunteer group of licensed amateur radio operators who have registered their qualifications and equipment and undergone specialized training for emergency communications duty during natural or man-made disasters.

We also offer our communications services free of charge to community

events around the area such as walks, runs and bike rides, parades and other gatherings. We use these events as a training opportunity and a way to educate the public about amateur radio.

Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible for membership in ARES. The only requirements are possession of an amateur radio license, some basic training, and a sincere desire to serve.