

Oldham County ARES®

Newsletter



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The Oldham County ARES general meetings are normally held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Oldham County Red Cross building, 1215 N Highway 393, Buckner, KY 40010. Talk-in is on the 147.390 repeater.

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.



Communication Information

Oldham County ARES Net:

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

This net also serves Henry and Trimble Counties.

Vanity Call Sign Fee to Go Up 80 Cents

On July 20, the FCC [announced](#) that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 80 cents, from \$14.20 to \$15. The fee will increase 30 days after notice of the increase is published in the [Federal Register](#); no date has yet been set for publication. Earlier this year, the FCC [released](#) a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM)*, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 *Report and Order*). In FY 2012, the FCC expects to grant 14,300 vanity call signs, bringing in \$214,500 from the vanity call sign program, and looks to recover a total of \$339,844,000 in fees from all the Services that it regulates.

Vanity Fee Due for New, Renewal Applications

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal six years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1993 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1996. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs

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The deadline for submissions to the OC ARES Newsletter is 7:00 pm on the third 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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**OC ARES Meeting
 July 10, 2012**

The general meeting for Oldham County ARES was held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday July 10, 2012 at the Red Cross building, 1215 North Highway 393, Buckner, KY 40010.

OC ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinator, Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), conducted the meeting. There were 4 attendees.

Oldham Members: Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ), Bob Brown (KD4HGE), Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN)

New Members: None

New Licenses/Upgrades: None

OPERATING
 None

UPCOMING EVENTS
 None

PROGRAM
 Reviewed information for submission to the ARRL for our Field Day event.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
 Tuesday August 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

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 future events and mark their calendars:

Ironman Triathlon on August 26, 2012
 Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air on October 20, 2012

More information is available on the Events tab of our web site.

Oldham County ARES Net Control Schedule

July 2012 - September 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.

August	6	KE6YCW	Roman		July	2	KE6YCW	Roman
	13	W4TLE	Rick			9	W4TLE	Rick
	20	KD4HGE	Bob			16	KD4HGE	Bob
	27	KB4IFE	Craig			23	KB4IFE	Craig
						30	KE6YCW	Roman
September	3	KE6YCW	Roman					
	10	W4TLE	Rick					
	17	KD4HGE	Bob					
	24	KB4IFE	Craig					

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

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

must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the [ULS](#) and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

ARRL Processes License Renewals, Including Vanities

The [ARRL VEC](#) will [process license renewals for vanity call sign holders](#) for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals

continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC. Visit the [Call Sign Renewals or Changes web page](#) for complete instructions on how to have the ARRL renew your license for you or for how to do it yourself. License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the [ARRL Amateur Radio License Renewal web page](#). The [FCC's forms page](#) also offers the required forms.

From ARRL Newsletter

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 +	151.4	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

When all else fails ... Amateur Radio

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ARES District 6

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.