

Oldham County ARES®

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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.

EC Corner

Welcome to the first edition of the EC corner. As your new Emergency Coordinator, I would like to use this area of the newsletter to keep you, the ARES volunteer, informed about the changing landscape of EMCOM in Oldham County, in Kentucky, and in the United States. Two weeks after assuming the position of EC, I was able to attend the KY ARES Conference in Bardstown Kentucky. There were representatives from around the state, volunteers as well as KY State Emergency personnel. One of the topics covered was the recent tornados in Indiana, the response from ARES (and RACES) and the lessons learned. A key lesson learned was 'Be Prepared'. Another key lesson learned was 'Practice, Practice, Practice'. Much of our time as a group so far has been spent on getting organized, but we have not spent much time practicing our skills. No more! Look for some practice exercises to be announced, starting after the holidays.

Now that we know we will be practicing, I think we should review some of the basics of Emergency Communication and how OCKYARES can help you be better prepared to help in an emergency. In this issue I would like to re-introduce you to the member's only area of the OCKYARES web site (<http://www.ockyares.org/Members>). Note: There is a password required to access this area, as it does contain some confidential information. If you are a member of Oldham County ARES and you do not have the password, send me an email at KG4ZPZ@Bellsouth.net and I will make sure you have access.

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OC ARES Publication

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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
 October 9, 2012**

The general meeting for Oldham County ARES was held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday September 11, 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 7 attendees.

ARES Members: Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ), Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN), Bob Brown (KD4HGE), Chuck Allen (KY4CA), Kenny Heavrin (KY4COP).

Guests: Henry Simpson (KA4PJK)

New Licenses/Upgrades: None

Operating: None

PROGRAM

Review and discussion of the following topics:

- Michael Uber accepted the appointment to EC for Oldham County ARES (congratulations!)
- Shelby County ARES came out with extensive Packet Digi-peater and Gateway resource list.
- Red Cross training plan—Disaster Assessment. Will plan to co-host session with Shelby County ARES with January target.
- Callout preparation and Go-Kits were reviewed.
- Plan exercises testing our capabilities.

Upcoming Event—Shelbyville Christmas Parade, Saturday Dec 1, 2012.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday November 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

*Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)
 Contributions by Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ)*

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The Members area contains documents that you should review *at least once or twice a year*. There are even some documents you should print out and keep in your Go Kit! I will cover these documents and Go Kits at future meetings and in future newsletters.

The first document I would like for you to review is the OC ARES Deployment Handbook. This is a 34 page document in PDF format so you can read it on any device. It covers the basics of what is expected of you as an Amateur Radio Volunteer providing communications support in times of emergency. The Handbook contains information on "Going To Your Assignment", "What To Bring To A Response", "Net Control Operation", and "Sending and Receiving Traffic". There is also good information on how to deal with the personal side of volunteering – family, personal safety, even insurance recommendations. Please take a few minutes before our next meeting to review the Handbook. It will be on our agenda for discussion!

Your comments and suggestions for improving the Handbook (and this newsletter, and the website!) are always welcome.

I hope to see you at our next meeting, Tuesday November 13th at 7:00 PM, Oldham County Red Cross on Hwy 393.

Michael Uber, KG4ZPZ

2012 ARRL SET Action Notes: Tests in Full Swing

The Hardin County (Kentucky) Amateur Radio Emergency Communications group is participating in the annual national [ARRL Simulated Emergency Test](#) this month. Their SET message to your editor: "We currently have a display set up at Home Depot's Safety Day in Elizabethtown. While at Safety Day, this message is being sent from W8WN's mobile station there. It is being transmitted by HF radio to an automated station in another part of the U.S., outside the local simulated disaster area. It then goes via one of five hardened servers located worldwide (for redundancy), and then into the regular Internet, to be delivered via e-mail anywhere that e-mail is

available. Thus, if the Internet were down locally or even regionally, by using the [Winlink 2000](#) system, we still have some e-mail capabilities. This is in addition to and separate from our usual local and area VHF operations.

"As an additional test this year, two mixed-mode (voice and digital) exercise nets were conducted at the end of September from a number of agency locations around Hardin county and from mobiles in the field, exchanging simulated [ICS-213](#) and Red Cross Damage Assessment ("street sheet") forms.

"The ARES provides most of the SKYWARN severe weather spotters nationwide. If severe weather were in the area, we would normally have trained SKYWARN spotters out and a SKYWARN net in operation with direct communications to the Louisville NWS, while standing ready to provide interagency communications for the local government safety agencies and NGOs. Thanks for your participation and for your interest in our community."
-- Shelby Ennis, W8WN - AAR4IJ, Hardin County, Kentucky ARES Emergency Coordinator, w8wn@arrl.net

FCC News: FCC Seeks to Change Amateur Radio Licensing Rules

On October 2, the FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in WT Docket No. 12-121 that seeks to change the Amateur Radio licensing rules, especially as they concern former licensees. Acting upon an April 2011 *Petition for Rulemaking* filed by the Anchorage VEC to give permanent credit to radio amateurs for examination elements they have successfully passed, the FCC proposes to revise Section 97.505 to require that Volunteer Examiners (VEs) give examination credit to an applicant who can demonstrate that he or she formerly held a particular class of license.

In addition, the Commission seeks to shorten the grace period during which an expired amateur license may be renewed and to reduce the number of VEs needed to administer an amateur license examination. Read more [here](#).

From the ARRL Newsletters

Oldham County ARES Net Control Schedule

October 2012 - December 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.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----|--------|-----------|--|---------|----|--------|-------|
| November | 5 | KE6YCW | Roman | | October | 1 | KE6YCW | Roman |
| | 12 | KD4HGE | Bob | | | 8 | KD4HGE | Bob |
| | 19 | KD4HGE | Bob | | | 15 | KD4HGE | Bob |
| | 26 | KD4HGE | Bob | | | 22 | KD4HGE | Bob |
| | | | | | | 29 | KE6YCW | Roman |
| | | | | | | | | |
| December | 3 | KE6YCW | Roman | | | | | |
| | 10 | KD4HGE | Bob | | | | | |
| | 17 | KD4HGE | Bob | | | | | |
| | 24 | KD4HGE | Bob | | | | | |
| | 31 | NO NET | New Years | | | | | |

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**

Postage Rates to Increase in January



The US Postal Service has announced that as of January 27, 2013, the cost to mail First Class letters, postcards and

for each. This is the third increase for postcard postage in less than two years; in April 2011, the USPS boosted the postcard stamp price from 28 cents to 29 cents, and from 29 cents to 32 cents in January 2012. The USPS will also introduce a First Class Mail Global Forever Stamp in January. This new stamp will allow customers to mail 1-ounce letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10. The cost to mail flat-rate Priority Mail packages and letters will also increase. Click [here](#) for more information on all the 2013 postal increases. *(from ARRL)*

packages within the US will go up. The cost to mail a first class letter will be 46 cents, while the cost to mail a postcard will be 33 cents, an increase of 1 cent

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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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.