



Volusia ARES

ARRL Volusia County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

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Mission

Volusia County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (VOLARES) is dedicated to providing non-emergency and emergency radio communications support as a free service to the citizens of Volusia County. It also partners with other local and nationally-recognized charities, organizations, non-government organizations (NGOS) and government entities interested in public service or providing for the public good. VOLARES also seeks to provide mutual-aid to surrounding counties during events that require communication support.

Organization

VOLARES is affiliated with Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) and its umbrella organization, the American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL). Representing the local level of the ARES organizational hierarchy, VOLARES is part of the East Coast District which is one of eleven districts within the Northern Florida Section.

VOLARES Membership

VOLARES membership is composed of volunteer amateur radio operators [Hams] of any license class. Volusia ARES members are:

- public-service minded individuals who, according to their means and capabilities, are committed to helping the community during times of crisis and disaster as well as assisting various agencies during emergency and non-emergency events;
- willing to participate in meetings, nets, simulated emergency test (SET) exercises, and undergo the training necessary to fulfill their volunteer commitments;
- willing to live by a code of conduct through which they will be law-abiding, maintain a sense of professionalism, be respectful and courteous toward others, avoid misrepresenting themselves as agents or employees of a served agency, and not bring the organization into disrepute.

How to join VOLARES

- www.VolusiaARES.org left click on, Volusia ARES, Join ARES, ARES Application and complete the online membership application;
- Provide Net Control with your contact information during the Wednesday evening net, held on the 147.240 (+600 - Tone 123.0) repeater at 7.30 p.m.;
- Contact: Martin “Marty” Wilcox, W9OV, Volusia ARES Public Information Officer, pio@VolusiaARES.org – 386-527-5165.

“Radios, antennas, and other equipment to enable VOLARES to provide support communications for the County EMA have been included in the specifications for the new County EOC. We need to add more members to our rolls, bring training up to date, and be ready to move in late in 2012. Act now to become a member of VOLARES.”

