



Sumter County ARES

Amateur Radio Emergency Service
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Emergency Coordinator



Thank you for your interest in membership to Sumter County ARES. This letter will guide you through the registration process, which is quite simple.

Step 1 From your computer, go to www.sumterares.org/membership. There you will find links to download the below documents. If you do not have a computer, contact us and we will mail the documents to you.

- This Letter
- An ARES Fact Sheet
- ARES Manual
- ARES Emergency Communicator Individual Task Book in either fillable PDF or Word format

Step 2 Read the ARES Manual. It will explain everything you need to know about ARES.

Step 3 Download the ARES Emergency Communicator Individual Task Book. You will see items listed as "R" (Required). You will have six months from the date you are accepted to complete the few required items. Here are the links to complete the required [IS-100](#), [IS-700](#) and [Basic EmComm Course](#) on-line, which are quite simple. If you do not have a computer available, you can manually fill in the blanks by printing legibly. You can also find them at www.sumterares.org/training.

Step 4 Complete the ARES Registration Form.

Step 5 Return your completed Registration Form to the Emergency Coordinator by email, FAX or U.S. Postal Service.

Step 6 Once the Emergency Coordinator (EC) receives your completed Registration Form, he or she will arrange a phone call or ZOOM meeting with you. This is an opportunity for both you and the EC to introduce themselves to each other, and to answer any questions.

Step 7 As the final step, the EC will send you an acceptance letter, along with Sumter County ARES membership credentials.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mark Newby, KX4LEO
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