

Amateur radio has a long history in emergency communications. In 1913 when large areas of Ohio were crippled by severe flooding resulting in loss of telephone and telegraph communications, amateurs used their own equipment to reinstate temporary communications in many of the areas affected. This tradition continues today, with amateurs not only helping when disasters strike, but also providing information when potentially dangerous situations arise. Amateur radio is recognized worldwide for its ability to operate under adverse conditions. With frequency allocations that allow both local and worldwide communications, amateur radio is able to bridge almost any communication gap. Utilizing specialized skills, operator's salvaged equipment, made antennas from materials pulled from the rubble, and communicated from areas devastated by recent hurricanes. At international, federal, and state levels, the value of amateur radio is well respected. The primary amateur radio member organization in the US is the American Radio Relay League, which supports emergency communications through its Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). ARES members are trained in message handling, network operations, and other specialized skills required in providing emergency communications. ARES works with state, county and local emergency management and with other relief agencies active in emergencies. Additionally, ARES helps many organizations with public service event communications.

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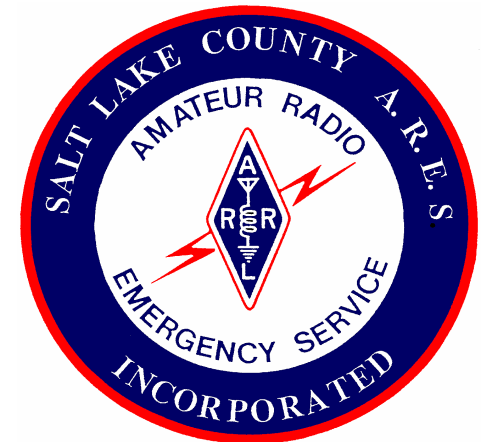
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**Providing Qualified Radio
Operators for Emergency
& Public Service
Communications**



Who is ARES?

- ✓ **ARES – Amateur Radio Emergency Service**
- ✓ **We are members of the community**
- ✓ **We bring experience from all walks of life**
- ✓ **We provide formal communication training for all members**
- ✓ **ARES radio operators are federally licensed**



Some of the agencies served by Salt Lake County A.R.E.S., Inc.

- Emergency Management in:
 - Salt Lake County
 - Midvale City
 - Murray City
 - Salt Lake City
 - Sandy City
 - Taylorsville City
 - West Jordan City
 - West Valley City
- American Red Cross – Salt Lake Chapter
- NOAA
- Office of the Medical Examiner
- Regional and local Hospitals
- Salt Lake County Sheriff
- Salt Lake City Airport Authority
- University of Utah
- Utah Department of Public Safety (Emergency Services and Homeland Security)

How Does ARES Prepare?

- Weekly on-air radio training nets



- Monthly in-person technical training

- Field exercises



- Public Service Events

- Emergency Mobilizations



- State DESHS Training Courses and Seminars and FEMA Home Study Courses