

Madison Co ARES



Madison Co. ARES is a public service organization to help provide communication assistance “when all else fails.” We promote education, construction, training and deployments to further that mission.

Our weekly training Nets are on Thursday evenings, at 7:30pm. The repeaters that are used alternate weekly between the 146.94+ pl100 machine and the 147.22+ pl136.5 machine.

There is also a Digital Practice Net. Here is that schedule:

1st Thursday of the Month – Digital Net 145.330 and 443.500 at 7:00pm; **FLDIGI** is used for both sending messages and photos.

2nd Thursday – **No** Digital Net due to on-site ARES Meeting at Madison County EOC.

3rd Thursday – Send **WINLINK** message to km4cj@winlink.org

4th Thursday – **No** Digital Nets or activities

5th Thursday (if there is one) – **No** Digital Nets or activities

We hold a monthly business/education meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month. We meet at the EOC (directions will be provided) at 5:30pm for some fellowship around pizza, that is provided for a minimal cost. The business portion of the meeting starts promptly at 6pm, with the training soon after. We know that folks have a busy schedule nowadays, so we try to keep on track, so you won't be wasting your time.

Our forum-based website is Hmcraces.org Through this, we maintain our email list, so we can keep members informed of activations and events. If you sign up for the forum, make sure you use your CALLSIGN as your username. All other entries will be rejected. Use your best contact email in your profile.

Our team has raised enough funds through donations and pizza sells that we have been able to install 2 amateur radio stations at separate Volunteer Fire Departments in our county. These can be operated during emergency or recovery events.

Our team has been working on a Ham-mesh network that will enable connectivity between our served agencies for services such as data, voice, and video. This will aid them in their service to the community during recovery from an emergency. More information can be found at www.arednmesh.org

Besides our regular Nets and meetings, we participate the Simulated Emergency Test, or SET. This test happens annually, usually in the Fall. We are given an emergency scenario and the ARES officers direct situations into it, and let it play out. This gives us a good idea of our strengths and weaknesses. We use this for planning training for the upcoming year.



We hope you will consider ARES membership and participation in your Ham pursuits!

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