



Kentucky Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Section Emergency Coordinator



To: All KY ARES Coordinators and OESs

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For those who don't know me, I'm the former Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) for Kentucky (2009-2013) where personal issues forced me to take a break. Through that time, I enjoyed making new friends through the Commonwealth, attending meetings, Hamfests and conferences. The opportunity to serve Kentucky ARES presented itself recently and I offered to help if so requested. I've served as EC for Henderson County and DEC for District three as well so I literally started at the base level of coordinator and worked my way to the SEC position.

I'm a 53 year old father of two wonderful young women and a husband of thirty four years. My wife is my high school sweetheart and my rock to lean on. Since our children are grown and married now, we have two German Shepherds and one English Mastiff in our home that keep us hopping.

After high school graduation in 1982, I enlisted in the U. S. Navy where I served until 1998 as a Navy Radioman. During the Beirut War in 1983-1984 I served aboard the carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) where we processed an average of 3500 messages a day. Later in my career, I served in a surveillance unit in Ad Dammam, Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm where we were tasked with surface, sub surface surveillance along with maintaining communications between coalition forces for nine months. The Radioman rating was converted to Information Technology (IT) specialist in the 90s so it was fate that I followed that track starting as early as 1984.

After leaving the Navy, I returned home to Henderson County KY where I have been running my own IT Security firm, www.welovecomputers.net, since 1996. Today, my company serves about 400 businesses in the Western Kentucky, Southern Indiana Area.

In 1995 I was certified as a KY Emergency Medical Technician where I still practice daily in and around my community. I'm also a Certified KY Firefighter and serve as medical officer with my local fire department. In addition, I'm the Deputy Director of my local Emergency Management Agency where I've served in various positions for 17 years.

Moving on with KY-ARES matters, I have compiled an outline of tasks I'd like to tackle in the coming months and years including, but not limited to;

- "Standardized" Digital Communications Plan / Guide
 - Recommended equipment to be used
 - Recommended software to be used
 - Detailed Installation Procedures
 - Standard Operating Guidelines
 - Expand footprint with existing networks (Winlink, Winmor, RRI, Shares, Fusion, etc)
- Training, training, Training
 - "Building Bridges with Served Agencies"
 - Awareness (who are we and what do we have to offer).
 - Best Practices with Served Agencies (Chapter 9 in AUXComm Manual)
 - AUXComm, COM-T, COM-L – Available courses through local EMA
 - AUXComm – designed for Amateurs, excellent class
 - COM-T – techie stuff
 - COM-L – communications leader
 - KY-ARES Training Guide
- Alternate Missions



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- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
 - Training available through local EMA
 - Amateur Radio a huge advantage during CERT activations
- Severe Weather Spotters (SKYWARN – NWS)
 - Severe Weather Nets
 - Learn about storm dynamics
 - Stationary Spotters
 - Mobile Spotters
 - Work via local EMA
 - Severe Weather Guide to assist local team startup, complete with training guidelines
- Disaster Assessment Teams
 - Training Available through Local EMA
 - Assess local damage and report to Local EMA
 - NWS does separate assessment
 - AMCROSS does separate assessment
 - Send / Receive pictures, damage reports to local EOC
- Relaunch/redesign of www.kyares.org
- Update KYARES SECP
 - Emergency alerting procedures
 - Email
 - SMS
 - Social Media
 - Telephone / cell phone
 - Job Descriptions
 - Monthly Reporting

It's good to get back in the saddle. This outline will need all of our support and participation moving forward so if you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

73 de N4KLG

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