

# Milpitas ARES/RACES

*One person can make a difference.*



## Do You:

- Have a current FCC Amateur Radio License
- Want to do something important to help your community?
- Want to provide communications during emergencies and community events?
- Want to be recognized for your service?
- Want to gain knowledge of Emergency Preparedness?

## Milpitas ARES/RACES Will Provide:

- Training in communication protocols used within Milpitas and Santa Clara County.
- Educational opportunities to learn Packet, Net Control, Shadowing, Field Operations, and HF for emergency use.
- Opportunities to take part in city and county drills to enhance your communication skills.
- Experienced Hams to mentor you.

## What You Will Get:

- The satisfaction of serving your community.
- Recognition as a valuable member of a volunteer group with a long history of service.
- A greater degree of preparation for yourself and your family to cope with emergencies.
- New friends who share an interest in emergency communications and public service.

***Please join your fellow Amateur Radio operators dedicated to service by becoming a volunteer with Milpitas ARES/RACES.***

<http://www.qsl.net/mares/join.shtml>

## Did You Know:

- When the RMS Titanic struck an iceberg, a young American Amateur Radio operator was one of the first to receive the distress call, relaying information about the sinking ship to authorities.
- When Hurricane Katrina struck the gulf coast destroying the telecommunications infrastructure, Amateur Radio operators stepped in to relay critical message traffic.
- When vandals cut phone cables leaving much of southern Santa Clara County without telephone, cell, and 911 service it was Amateur Radio Operators who provided vital communications for police, fire, hospital and other critical services.
- That the legacy of Amateur Radio in emergency communications is a proud tradition of dedicated individuals serving their nation and local communities in times of need.

## Can't I Help During An Emergency Without Getting Involved Now?

- Frankly, without some training and experience to understand how ARES/RACES operates, your usefulness would be limited. During an emergency there is little time to learn how the nets work or how to utilize the forms and protocols for emergency communications within Milpitas and Santa Clara County.
- You would not expect a new employee at your place of work to be effective on their first day at work. Likewise, without communications training and experience you would be of little help in a real emergency.
- Make a commitment to get the training and experience now so you can be of real service when needed.

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