

## Welcome to Alachua County ARES®/RACES

The Alachua County ARES®/RACES program is affiliated with the Alachua County Department of Public Safety (ACDPS) through the Emergency Management Section. Members who meet all requirements and accept a pre-assignment for deployment to a local shelter will be issued an ID card. All other amateur radio operators may participate as ARES® operators from their home unless deployed through another agency such as American Red Cross, Salvation Army, MARS, etc.

Locally, in Alachua County, all ARES®/RACES members who desire to participate in emergency deployments for county shelters or the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) must ALACHUA COUNTY requirements. Hams who wish to be called up as mutual aid communications resources for regional, statewide, or national deployments will also need IS-200 and IS-800 certifications.

Please print and use this as a training/certification checklist. Send certificates to [W4UFL@ARRL.net](mailto:W4UFL@ARRL.net)

Check off box	Requirement	Required for Deployments in
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ARES® Application – ARRL FORM FSD98</b> <a href="http://www.alachuaemcomm.org/forms/fsd98.pdf">http://www.alachuaemcomm.org/forms/fsd98.pdf</a>	Local, State, National
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ARES® CONNECT</b> – Register your callsign with Volunteer Hub <a href="http://vhub.at/aresconnect-nfl">http://vhub.at/aresconnect-nfl</a>	Local, State, National
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IS-100</b> Intro to Incident Command System <a href="https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c">https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c</a>	<b>Alachua County</b> , State, National
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IS-700</b> National Incident Management System <a href="https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b">https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b</a>	<b>Alachua County</b> , State, National
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IS-200</b> ICS for Single Resources <a href="https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-200.c">https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-200.c</a>	State, National
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IS-800</b> National Response Framework <a href="https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-800.d">https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-800.d</a>	State, National
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ARRL EC-001</b> INTRO to EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS <a href="http://www.arrl.org/emergency-communications-training">http://www.arrl.org/emergency-communications-training</a>	<b>Alachua County</b> State of Florida
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upload certificates to <b>SERT TRAC</b> <a href="https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/loginform.aspx">https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/loginform.aspx</a>	<b>Alachua County</b> State of Florida
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>RACES Application</b> <a href="https://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/">https://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/</a> <i>Send to W4UFL@arrl.net</i>	<b>Alachua County</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Background Check Authorization</b> <a href="https://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/">https://www.qsl.net/nf4rc/</a> <i>Send to W4UFL@arrl.net</i>	<b>Alachua County</b>

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The requirements to be a member of **Alachua County ARES®** are:

- Licensed amateur radio operator
- Fill out ARRL form FSD98 (ARES Application) and send to the Emergency Coordinator
- Register for ARES CONNECT in the Volunteer Hub.

The requirements to be a **DEPLOYABLE** member of **Alachua County ARES®** additionally require:

- Completion of IS-100, 700, and ARRL EC-001 (*plus IS 200 & 800 for State-wide*)
- Completion of RACES Application and Background Check Authorization
- Successful Background Check with Alachua County Sheriff's Office
- Volunteer ID Badge from Alachua County

Ham radio operators should be familiar with emergency communications standard procedures. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) coordinates the ARES® program through their field organization. We encourage you to read through the ARRL's official "ARES Manual" (2015) and download a copy for future reference. <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/ARES/ARESmanual2015.pdf>

The ARRL offers online courses and testing for Emergency Communications Level I – EC-001.

**EC-001 Level 1/ Basic – ARRL Introduction to Amateur Radio Emergency Communications**

<http://www.arrl.org/emergency-communications-training>

National, State, and Local requirements from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) specify that all members affiliated with disaster response and public safety agencies (that receive DHS funding) meet the following training standards from the FEMA Emergency Management Institute:

**IS-100 Intro to ICS & IS-700 NIMS**      <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslst.asp>

All FEMA IS certifications are available free of charge at the FEMA-EMI Training Institute. If you have not taken any FEMA training, you will need to register for a FEMA SID (Student ID). You are encouraged to print a copy of the exam first, read through the material, and mark your answer sheet as you go. Study materials are available free and the courses take about 2 hours each. If you have previously completed one of the expired courses, you do NOT have to register and complete the updated courses. However, if you plan to take IS-300 or IS-400, the IS-100 and 200 prerequisites are normally required to have been taken no more than a few years ago.

Members are encouraged to participate in the Alachua County ARES® Net which is held every Thursday at 8:00 pm local time on the 146.820 MHZ repeater with 146.985 as a backup. Your continued participation in the net at least once a month helps ensure that your equipment works, provides practice on standard net procedures, and confirms your active participation in the ARES® program.

Training meetings for ARES®/RACES members are held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at the American Red Cross Gainesville Office 1425 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Meetings are on ZOOM during COVID. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/964853731>

All ARES® members are encouraged to participate in the training. Social gathering begins at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for your interest in the Alachua County ARES®/RACES program!