

**ALACHUA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE (ARES)
A COMPONENT OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE (ARRL)
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Who are we?

A group of 2-dozen local FCC-licensed ham radio operator volunteers who have a very special interest in developing backup emergency communications skills and systems. Many of us are retired or semi-retired, and from all walks of life, including a smattering of physicians, educators, and IT experts.

What do we do?

In the last year we have built up a digital radio-based network covering 4000 square miles and reaching into several counties, tested as part of a NIMS-compliant full scale exercise Hurricane Test. We have held multiple educational classes, and installed 8 digital repeaters, and over a dozen antennas. Our AfterAction Report in HSEEP format is now available as a 40 page paperback book.



What do we offer?

We provide electronics and radio classes that teach practical skills, prepare citizens for passing license exams to get a ham radio license, and quite possibly serve as a launching pad into college or career. Your organization likely has youth, adults, and/or seniors who are looking for a brain-challenging service activity that is low physical impact. We use our skills and assets to develop stronger backup radio communications systems for shelters and authorities in our communities. Our ongoing educational program is free and open to the public. Our installations provide communications when other systems are down.



What do we need?

We are looking for facilities where we can benefit the community by installing amateur radio equipment, for both service and training. By law, the equipment must be kept safe and secured from mischievous usage. We need the ability to install simple wire shortwave and VHF antennas (typically using trees, flagpoles or buildings as supports) and to run coaxial and other feedlines (similar to cable TV) from the antennas to the

radios. Our volunteer services are free, and it is very likely that donors will provide the necessary equipment.

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