

January 6, 2007 NEWSLETTER

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*Our monthly DC ARES meeting is this coming Tuesday, January 9th at 7 PM** at the Nashville Red Cross on Charlotte Ave. Simplex talk-in (and building access after 7 pm) on 146.550. *We will be discussing how to send and receive messages in ARRL format. We may also be playing the Walter Cronkite video.

*There is a new Storm Predator version 3.11 for those who have the software. * Even though it is a free upgrade, you old group serial number will not work. We are trying to resolve the problem with them.

*Area Hospitals will begin a monthly (net) check of their ham equipment. *We may need volunteers to assist Nashville area hospitals with the operation of their equipment. The time and frequency of the â€œHospital Netâ€• are to be determined.

*NIMS, TEMA and TN Section ARES Emergency Responder Certification *continues to be an important goal. TN Section ARES is presently requiring FEMA IS-100 & IS-700,

ARRL Emmcom 1 documentation to your local EC; and their
assign off to be NIMS & state compliant.
However, you can still serve important and useful ham
functions without certification. These include, Net
Control, Log Keeper (for Net Control), HF Relay station,
Resource liaison stations who can help with recruiting,
organizing, and dispatching */certified
responders/* and message relay by simplex if no repeater is
available.

Members continue to send confirmation of completion of IS-
100, IS-700, & ARRL Emmcom 1. Some have also taken IS-200 &
IS-800.

*RED CROSS OPPORTUNITY FOR DC ARES MEMBERS * If you want to
learn more about Red Cross disaster relief operations you
can take the following on-line classes:

1. FREE On-line Orientation at:

[http://www.redcross.org/general/0,1082,0_153_,00.html#orien
tation](http://www.redcross.org/general/0,1082,0_153_,00.html#orientation)

<http://www.redcross.org/general/0,1082,0_153_,00.html>

2. FREE Intro to Disaster Services training at:

http://www2.redcross.org/flash/course01_v01/ (requires
Flash)

If you want to become a Red Cross volunteer you will first
need to take these classes. They are also interesting if
you just want to understand more about one of our principal
served agencies.

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*DC ARES MEMBERS /CONTINUE/ TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. *THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST
AND PARTICIPATION!

1. We helped with upgrading the ham radio equipment & the
radio room at the American Red Cross. We are also
participating in planning to strengthen our relationship
with the Red Cross * Please see the *RED CROSS OPPORTUNITY*
section below!

2. We have been included in a support role in two sections
of Metro Nashville's Comprehensive Emergency Management
Plan; section 2.1 Communications Systems support, and

section 6.0 Human Services (Red Cross & other agency support). I have attended plan review meetings at Metro on both of these sections. It is very important to be included in local emergency planning.

3. I gave a talk and demonstration about Amateur Radio at the Metro Health Department where several of their employees plan to get their ham radio licenses. We look forward to working with their group, along with our formal of support of the TN Dept. of Health.

4. Our current DC ARES membership stands at 79, plus 12 reserve members.

5. We continue to conduct our Monday night preparedness nets on 146.670 with a good number of members and visitors checking in each time; and we are holding monthly meetings at the Red Cross on the 2nd Tue. At 7 pm.

SKYWARN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE AT OLD HICKORY LAKE DURING SEVERE WEATHER

We need Davidson County SKYWARN hams and other hams who live in the Northeastern part of Davidson, Northwestern Wilson, and Southwestern Sumner counties who will be available to go to the NWS office for 3 hour shifts during severe weather to operate the MTEARS radio.

Michael Davis, W1ARN Michael.Davis@noaa.gov

<<mailto:Michael.Davis@noaa.gov>> will be coordinating the volunteers. Michael will provide training and orientation for the volunteers and he will handle scheduling and call-out when necessary. We need 4 teams with 3 people on each team to cover the NWS during storms. Please contact Michael as soon as possible as severe weather season is just around the corner.

PREPAREDNESS REMINDERS

We know that you want to help others, but you first need to be prepared to help yourself and your family. Some things to consider:

1. Always have an emergency plan for your family, and assure their safety before responding to other's needs

2. If possible, take the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) free training offered by Metro OEM
3. Have battery power available and fully charged for your home station if at all possible (remember flashlights)
4. Keep portable (handheld) radio batteries and spares charged (plus fresh alkaline batteries if you can use them)
5. Make, and periodically check, a "go kit" of personal supplies and radio supplies ready to go quickly
6. Emergency contact numbers in your wallet, including ARES contacts
7. Volunteer for the Rapid Response Team (contact Bob Rogers (kb4pyp@comcast.net <<mailto:kb4pyp@comcast.net>>), exercises, and training - it's good to know what to expect, and to know those you will be working with

Suggestions, questions and comments are always welcome by return e-mail, klyj@arrl.net.

Thanks again for your interest and participation! Jay,
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Served Agencies: American Red Cross, National Weather Service/SKYWARN, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, Metro Public Health, General Hospital, TEMA, TN Dept. of Health, and others upon request.

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