

Boiling NH-ARES Down to the Basics

What Does NH-ARES Do?

- ✓ Backup communications when normal methods are unavailable or overloaded
- ✓ Disaster intelligence reporting (SITREPs)
- ✓ Public service event communications (especially when it serves a training need)

How Does NH-ARES Do It?

- ✓ Voice nets on VHF, UHF and HF
- ✓ Winlink digital communications
- ✓ Specialty modes such as FM SSTV, as needed
- ✓ With good functional local and Section emergency communications plans

Who Does NH-ARES Serve?

- ✓ NH State Gov't. (NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management)
- ✓ NH Hospital Association
- ✓ American Red Cross
- ✓ National Weather Service (Skywarn)
- ✓ Certain city and town emergency management agencies

What Kind of Training & Knowledge Do Members Need?

- ✓ ARRL EC01 Basic Emcomm (Required for Active Members)
- ✓ FEMA ICS-100 (Required for Active Members)
- ✓ Basic technical skills, such as operating under field conditions
- ✓ Plan knowledge (both local and Section plans)
- ✓ Winlink operations
- ✓ Formal message handling techniques
- ✓ How to run tight and efficient nets