

Irving Amateur Radio Operator (HAM) Volunteers Structure Overview

All Irving Amateur Radio Operator volunteers who have volunteered their time and equipment anytime there is a request for activation by the City of Irving, or another sponsoring agency, are composed of:

- 1) RACES/ARES members - Amateur Radio Operator (HAM) Volunteers who are registered with the Irving Office of Emergency Management. These are members of both RACES and ARES.
- 2) ARES only members (not members of RACES) -
 - a. Untrained - ARES members only who have not yet completed the recommended training requirements
 - b. Trained - ARES members only who have completed the recommended training requirements

The FCC Rules and Regulations, part 97, shall take precedence and resolve any conflicts. Requests and instructions from the City of Irving Office of Emergency Management, or sponsoring agency, shall be the guidelines/instructions for the activation and its purpose.

All such participates shall be registered as RACES / ARES members, or ARES members. This will be accomplished through the Irving RACES Radio Officer (Irving Office of Emergency Management) and/or the Irving ARES Emergency Coordinator (EC).

Knowing that each group is a separate entity, this plan addresses both RACES / ARES as being one entity. This is the viewpoint as seen from the city as long as communications can be provided to furnish the support they require. The City of Irving Office of Emergency Management has requested RACES be used if permitted under the FCC rules. Any ARES activation to support the City or a sponsoring agency will be with ARES members that are also RACES members. Any other support dealing with runs, walks, patrols, etc. will also include ARES only members.