



AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE®

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“Providing auxiliary communications to Clallam County”

Welcome to the Clallam County Amateur Radio Emergency Service!

The mission of Clallam County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CCARES) is to provide auxiliary communications to support local emergency and disaster relief organizations when activated by the Clallam County Emergency Management (CCEM) or those organizations for which the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) maintains Memorandums of Understanding.

There are three levels of participation in CCARES. All members of ARES are required to be Clallam County Sheriff 's Office Volunteers and must abide by the policies and procedures of that organization.

CCARES Level 1, Active: These members are full participants in CCARES with the CCARES mission being their primary responsibility during emergencies. Active members must receive additional training in the Incident Command System (ICS) and annually meet all the training requirements as stated in Section 2.0 in the CCARES Manual, 2016 edition.

CCARES Level 2, Reserve: These members meet the same requirements as those who are listed as Active. The only difference is that a Reserve Member has a primary responsibility to another agency, such as Medical Reserve Corps, American Red Cross or US Coast Guard. In the event that the Reserve Member is not needed by the primary agency, the member will be available to CCARES for assignment.

CCARES Level 3, Ham Watch: Ham Watch members meet the application requirements of the Sheriff's Volunteer Program but are not required to complete the ICS courses. Ham Watch members will receive a Washington State Emergency Workers Identification Card as a Sheriff's Volunteer to provide liability protection during an assignment. Ham Watch becomes the “eyes and ears” of the CCARES system, providing community information through local amateur radio channels and performing additional duties for the County Emergency Manager within the member's capability.

Please note: when working as a Washington State Emergency worker and deployed by the County Emergency Manager, the state's liability coverage will be extended to cover you under the provisions of WAC 118-04-200.

Application to CCARES is a two-step process. A single-sheet ARES form allows CCARES to track the progress of an individual through the application process and provides us with basic information relevant to amateur radio and the organization. This

form is submitted to the Membership Coordinator. The multi-page Clallam County Sheriff's Volunteer packet must be submitted through the Sheriff's Office Volunteer Coordinator. This Volunteer packet may be obtained from the Clallam County Emergency Management Unit located in the basement of the County Courthouse. The packet may also be obtained from the ARES Emergency Coordinator, a local Assistant Emergency Coordinator, or at the ARES Monthly Meeting. The meeting is held at the County Courthouse in Port Angeles and Forks City Hall at 1900 on the first Tuesday of every month. The Courthouse is secured at that time. Entrance may be made through the East basement door, with prior coordination from the CCARES EC.

Please direct your questions to me at brewkatrit@q.com or 360-452-9851.

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