



# Prince William County Amateur Radio Emergency Service



The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local emergency managers and ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes.

## Who do we support?

- Prince William County (PWC) via a memorandum of understanding (2003/2016)
- PWC Service Authority (MOU 2018)
- City of Manassas
- City of Manassas Park
- Prince William County Health District
- Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), Prince William VAC
- Community Emergency Response Team (Manassas/Manassas Park)
- Marine Corps Marathon Program Office
- Red Cross (National Capital Region)
- Salvation Army

## Our Qualifications

- FCC Licensed Amateur Radio Operators (all levels)
- FEMA National Incident Management System Courses:
  - 100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System)
  - 200 (Basic Incident Management Command System)
  - 300 (Intermediate ICS - select individuals)
  - 400 (Advanced ICS - Select individuals)
  - 700 (Introduction to National Incident Management System)
  - 800 (Introduction to the National Response Framework)





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## What have we done?

- **April 2001:** David, KG4GIY appointed permanent Emergency Coordinator
- **September 2001:** Terror Attacks on the Pentagon, Twin Towers.
- **1 July 2003:** Prince William County ARES signs first MOU with Prince William County
- **September 2003:** PWCARES deploys in support of Hurricane Isabel
- **October 2003:** Regional SET with Maryland
- **2004:** First action plan and quick reference guides published
- **2004:** National Capital ARES Council begins informal meetings
- **May 2004:** First formal support of Dulles Disaster Drill
- **2005:** First regular meetings of the PWCARES cadre at the EOC
- **March 2006:** Patriot Challenge Regional Exercise
- **April 2006:** First support of the 24-Hour Ultra-Marathon
- **April 2007:** Vertex Regional Exercise
- **May 2007:** Dulles Drill
- **June 2008:** PWCARES 3F Field Day
- **March 2009:** Where's Waldo? – Cadre's first in-house drill simulating tracking of the deployment of the Strategic National Stockpile.
- **May 2010:** Dulles Airport Disaster Drill
- **June 2011:** CW150 support with Manassas City
- **2012:** Update to the EOP. PWCARES role expands to more than Emergency Support Function-2 (Communications) support
- **March 2013:** Cadre Exercise Abominable Snowmageddon
- **2015:** Support of Marine Corps Marathon Program Office starts
- **June 2016:** Participates in VaNG United Resolve Exercise
- **June 2018:** 3F Second Field Day
- **November 2018:** MOU with PW Service Authority
- **June 2019:** Three exercises in 7 days. A new record
- **June 2019:** 5F Field Day
- **July 2019:** Support of Capital Fortitude with Manassas City and PW Health District

*And of course, numerous rides, walks, and other charity events too numerous to list.*

