Ventura County ACS/ARES Requirements 2024-09-29

Requirements to apply for Ventura County ARES Membership.
1. Minimum of Technician Class Amateur Radio License.
2. Must check in to a minimum of five ARES/ACS Nets in their area of residence over an eight net period on that Area's primary 2M Repeater.
3. Must meet with their Area EC to discuss the future requirements and timelines associated with their ARES membership.

Requirements to maintain ARES Membership in good standing.
1. Check in to at least one ARES/ACS Net in your local ARES/ACS Area on that Area's primary 2M Repeater every month.*
2. Complete any mandatory EmComm training course(s) for your ARES/ACS Area within the first three months of membership.
3. Complete IS-100 Intro to Incident command System within the first three months of membership.
4. Complete IS-700 Introduction to National Incident Mgt. System within the first three months of membership.
5. Complete IS-200 ICS for Single Resource within the first six months of membership.
6. Complete IS-800 National Response Framework within the first six months of membership.

Requirements to Join ACS.
1. Meet or exceed all requirements for ARES Membership as listed above for a minimum of six months.
2. Participate in at least one additional ACS/ARES training course for your local ACS/ARES Area.*
3. Explain the layout and meaning of the channel numbers and frequencies set forth in the ACS/ARES frequency list.
4. Memorize the primary repeater and simplex frequency and settings for your local ACS/ARES Area.
5. Demonstrate your ability to manually program in the primary repeater and simplex frequency and settings for your local ACS/ARES Area manually into your HT.
6. Act as Net Control for an ACS/ARES check in net from an EOC in your local ACS/ARES Area.
7. Have a valid winlink.org email address and reply to a message sent by your EC.
8. Submit to and pass a background check by the Ventura County Sheriff's office.

Requirements to maintain ACS Membership in good standing.
1. Meet or exceed all requirements for ARES Membership as listed above.
2. Check in to at least one ARES/ACS Net in your local ARES/ACS Area on that Area's primary 2M Repeater every month.*
3. Complete additional EmComm training courses as available.
4. Participate in at least one public event that ARES/ACS is assisting with annually.*
5. Participate in at least one Operational Readiness Test (ORT) and/or one ACS/ARES approved maintenance project annually.*

* - You are strongly encouraged to check in as often as possible and check in on your Area's local nets on different bands and modes.

Your local area EC may modify these requirements based on the needs of their particular area.