



## Who We Are

Colorado ARES Region 1 District 1 serves agencies in Larimer and Weld Counties in Northern Colorado. Our overall goal is to supply these agencies with alternate and reliable communications in times of disaster or National crisis. This is accomplished by our team of dedicated volunteers and their commitment to training. If you are interested in becoming part of our dedicated team, please visit the website below for more details.

## FAQ

Some Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I join ARES?** *To join ARES Region 1 District 1 start by visiting the website and viewing the Join R1D1 page.*
- **What equipment do I need to be a member of ARES?** *While some locations may be fully equipped with radio equipment, it is recommended that members have their own Handy Talkie and portable radio set up. We never know when we will be needed at a remote location.*
- **How much time do I need to commit as a member?** *In general, outside of an emergency the average ARES member will only need to commit 5-10 hours per month.*
- **Do I have to be a member to volunteer with ARES?** *Yes, membership is required to volunteer with ARES. Due to the sensitive information being handled at our Served Agencies, members are required to pass a background check among other training responsibilities that can only be guaranteed with membership tracking.*

## Contact Us

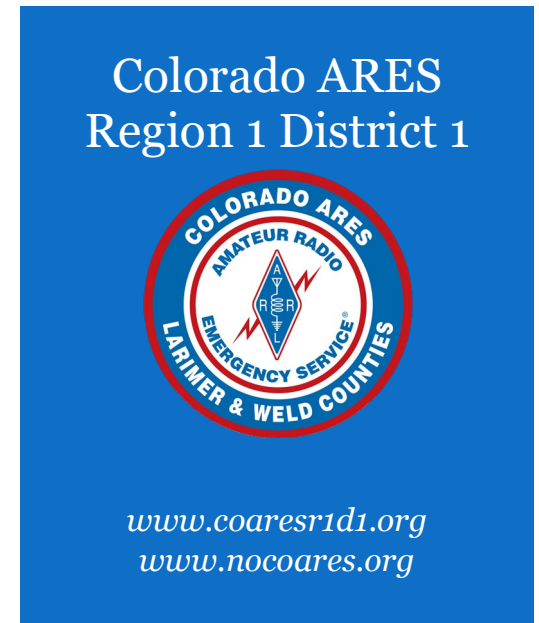
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Wildland Fire North of Fort Collins,  
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## How does ARES assist in Communications?

### Amateur Radio....

While the title states Amateur Radio, we are more than just radio operators when it comes to Emergency Communications, we are communicators of information. This information can be passing voice traffic through repeater systems, ICS and message forms via Winlink, or as complex as setting up emergency data connections via microwave linking to control vital infrastructure facilities. We are simply more than someone that can talk on the radio, we are Professionals in RF communications and technology.

### Volunteer or Unpaid Professional?

While we may volunteer our time as Amateur Radio Operators, we consider all of our members Unpaid Professionals. It is through our individual passion for communications outside of 3<sup>rd</sup> party infrastructure that we strive. Coupled with our ability to troubleshoot and problem solve issues that may occur without relying on others, that makes us a good fit to assist in Emergency Communications.

*“We are Unpaid Professionals in the Communications Field!”*

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*“When All Else Fails,  
Amateur Radio”*

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### ARES and Skywarn®

Skywarn® and ARES, while being two separate Organizations, work together in the passing of vital information during severe weather. This is accomplished by utilizing the vast repeater network found throughout the area. In addition, ARES groups will host Weather Nets to help centralize the incoming reports from licensed weather spotters, and often times host Skywarn® training conducted by the National Weather Service annually.



*While Skywarn® is a part of the National Weather Service, ARES plays a big part in collecting and relaying weather information during severe weather events.*

### About Skywarn®

Skywarn® is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Weather Service’s (NWS) severe weather spotting program with nearly 290,000 trained volunteers nationwide. Since the late 1960s, trained Skywarn® spotters have helped support the NWS’ primary mission of protecting life and property through the issuance of severe weather warnings. These dedicated citizens help keep their local community safe by conveying severe weather reports to their local NWS Forecast Office. Skywarn® spotters are integral to the success of our Nation’s severe weather warning system.