

Local Memorandum of Understanding
Between the
St. Louis Metro Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®)
A voluntary emergency and public service communications organization
sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, Inc.
and
City of Saint Louis Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)

Introduction

City of Saint Louis Emergency Management Agency ; here after referred to as CEMA and the St. Louis Metro Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) group in St. Louis, Missouri; here after referred to as St. Louis Metro ARES®, responsible for the St. Louis Metropolitan area and representing public-service oriented radio amateurs within this area, have agreed to enter into these local agreements which have formed the basis for this memorandum.

Purpose

This agreement between St. Louis Metro ARES, the local Amateur Radio Emergency Service group and CEMA establishes a framework of cooperation and a close working relationship with volunteer radio amateurs organized under the authority of the ARRL Emergency Coordinator and officials of CEMA. It is intended through joint cooperation of the local resources available to both signees, the public will best be served under disaster, emergency or public-service related situations. This document is not meant to be considered legally binding; it is a statement of cooperation between the two parties.

Organization

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service consists of federally licensed radio amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communication duty in the public service when disaster strikes pursuant to Federal Communications Commission Rule 97.1 (a) which states that a “fundamental purpose” of the Amateur Radio Service is: “Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.”

The American Radio Relay League Inc, comprising more than 156,000 radio amateurs in the U.S. sponsors the ARRL Field Organization. More than 8,900 amateurs are registered as members of this national field organization which is divided into 71 geographical sections. The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is one segment of the ARRL’s commitment to service the public in time of need. Local ARES groups are established components within ARES. “ARES” and “Amateur Radio Emergency Service” are registered service marks of the American Radio Relay League, Incorporated, and are used by permission.

The ARRL Missouri Section leadership within the Amateur Radio Emergency Service is exercised by the Section Emergency Coordinator (appointed by the elected ARRL Section Manager) with the Section Emergency Coordinator appointing District Emergency Coordinators and Emergency Coordinators within the section.

The local Emergency Coordinator is the key person within the ARRL Field Organization to provide an ARES response in a given locale.

The St. Louis Metro Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is organized in the following manner:

success of this MOU and determine whether it shall be extended for an additional five years and in no event shall any single extension of this MOU be for a term exceeding five years.

Miscellaneous

This Statement of Understanding does not create a partnership or a joint venture, and neither party has the authority to bind the other.

Date _____
Commissioner of CEMA
Gary Christmann, KB0ZNI

Date _____
CEMA Communications Coordinator
Sarah Gamblin-Luig

Date _____
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Steven J Wooten

Date _____
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William Grimsbo

Date _____
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Jeff Young

Date _____
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Recognition by ARRL Field Organization)
Dale Bagley