

MCARES Training Program Summary

The Multnomah County ARES/RACES Radio Operator (ARRO) training program identifies the minimum requirements for both knowledge and skills for individuals seeking active Multnomah County ARES/RACES membership status. There are three voluntary certifications for active members to continue learning new radio skills and augment their value to MCARES and the agencies we serve

ARRO Certification

As new members come on board, they will have 1 year to complete this level. The steps for completing the ARRO certification are:

1. FCC Amateur Radio Technician license and join Multnomah County ARES.
2. Complete the FEMA on-line courses IS 100, IS 200 and IS 700 and send a copy of your completion certificates to the Training Manager.
3. Complete the ARRO Task List. A series of two workshops is conducted three times a year to help complete this step.

Voluntary Add-On Training Certifications

Net Control and Field Operator (NCFO) can operate as net control for the resource net, command net and any tactical net in an event or incident, and can be deployed out of county for up to three days.

High Frequency Operator (HFRO) demonstrates the ability to make local and regional contacts below 30 MHz without causing harmful interference.

Packet RMS Radio Operator (PRRO) Is proficient in using Winlink Express software with a mobile digital kit, your own equipment, or digital equipment a served agency.

For further details, the Task Lists for each certificate, and the entire Training Program document can be viewed at www.multomahares.org > Training