



POLK COUNTY ARES® PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

The purpose of Polk County ARES is to provide communications support for Public Service Events in order to maintain our skills using our amateur radio equipment.

WHAT POLK COUNTY ARES WILL PROVIDE:

We will provide communications equipment required to accomplish the communications mission and Federal Communication Commission (FCC) licensed amateur radio operators to your event.

WHAT WE WILL NOT PROVIDE:

1. We will not provide volunteer amateur radio operators for traffic control, crowd control, or other duties not related to providing communications support.
2. We will not use personal vehicles for sag vehicles or to transport any equipment other than that needed to provide communications.
3. We will not provide drivers for SAG or any vehicle.

STARTING AND SECURING:

1. We will start our communications support for the event at the time requested by the event coordinators. (We will endeavor to have our operators in position and ready to provide communications up to thirty minutes prior to such time in order to insure amateur radio operators are prepared and on site.)
2. Our communications support will end at such time as the support provided by the event coordinators ends. (When aid or water station volunteers are released, our operators at those locations will also be relieved of duty. If there is a set time such as a minute-per-mile limit, and course support is removed, our operators will be allowed to secure.)
3. When it is decided by the Event Officials and the ARES Net Control Operator that the event no longer needs communications support or the event has been completed.)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Polk County ARES reserves the right to decline participation in any event.

In the event of conflicting orders during an event the Polk County Emergency Coordinator, his designee or in his absence the ARES Net Control Operator will decide placement and subsequent duties of ARES personnel.

It will not be our responsibility to provide support for participants that do not meet the guidelines set forth by the event coordinators. When the event Awards Ceremony begins, or when the Finish Line areas are being dismantled, it will be deemed that the event is completed and communications support is no longer needed.

We will not take responsibility for any personal items left behind by participants. It will be up to the individual to return and pick them up, or a member of the served agency's staff will have to pick the item up.

We realize that not all events are the same and all events will be evaluated individually. We want to provide our Served Agencies with the best possible communications support. We will cooperate with them to that end. We request event information and requirements at least three weeks prior to the event in order to obtain and schedule the needed personnel. We understand that last minute changes can occur, and will deal with these on an individual basis.

We are not allowed to accept any compensation for our services per FCC regulations. Our services are provided free of charge. All equipment is owned and maintained by the individuals comprising the Polk County Amateur Radio Emergency Service. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact the Polk County ARES Emergency Coordinator.