



MEMBERSHIP AND OUR TRAINING:

With the current state of our Nation and the continued elevated condition of awareness, being adequately trained and prepared is a top priority for ARES® Team members.

We encourage both ARRL and FEMA course training. Both complement each other very well. The days of Amateurs 'self deploying' to volunteer his, or her talents are gone. While the ARRL; EC-001, 002, 003 courses are great for Amateur Operators, the FEMA; IS-100, 200, 700, 800 ect. courses are the standard for all Public Safety / First Responders.

The ICS (Incident Command Structure) philosophy is how our Public Safety officials manage disaster sites. We, as skilled communicators, must be trained under and understand how the ICS system works before we can assist on scene.

Required Training:

<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>

Basic Courses - Advanced Courses

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| EC - 001 | EC - 002 |
| IS - 100 | EC - 003 |
| IS - 200.a | IS - 300 |
| IS - 317 | IS - 400 |
| IS - 700.a | IS - 802 |
| IS - 800.b | COML |

Welcome to the introductory issue of the 2010 Southwest Idaho ARES®/RACES newsletter!

We hope you will find these publications appealing. They will be packed with exciting articles, preparedness projects, and first person accounts of team member activities and events. We will highlight training opportunities and upcoming courses for 2010!

The S.W. Idaho ARES®/RACES membership currently consists of licensed Amateurs from Ada, Elmore, Canyon, Owyhee, Gem and Valley Counties of Dist.3, with current TEAM members being profiled each month in 2010. Stay tuned!!

What's new with ARES®?

After many years of ARES® and RACES speaking a similar language but living apart, ARES® and RACES in S.W. Idaho will begin to function collectively and cross train the Amateur community to become a cohesive group of communicators. The ability to scale up, or scale down resources as events unfold, is vital to our ability to lend our services to local served agencies in time of need. In 2010, local ARES®/RACES team members, and leadership will be available to all ARC's and any individual Amateurs to squash the myths and the misconceptions surrounding ARES® and RACES.



'WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, AMATEUR RADIO IS THERE!'

ARES Team member: Brian Adams
W7CVS

*February Profile, Dan Woodall N7DKW

Brian was born in Mtn. Home and loves living in Idaho. Brian started 'playing' radio with his grandfather in the basement of his grandparent's house as a young boy of six or seven years old. He remembers long road trips each summer listening to far off stations piped through the speaker of grandfathers Drake TR-3. Set up for mobile operation!



Brian's first attempt to stop being known as "third party traffic" came around 1981. At that time, Jim Noland K7JAN, a close friend today, was holding Novice class license sessions at the Library. This was way before video games, iPods, Xbox's, and cell phones, so the incentive to get his Novice ticket was a brand new Commodore 64. 😊 So he grabbed his *Tune in the World* book and the straight key that his grandfather put together for practicing, and hit the road for the Library. Brian's one stumbling block...you guessed it, CODE.

Brian finally was licensed in 2005 and is honored to been granted his grandfather call sign W7CVS following his passing. Brian is, and has been very active in the community helping with special event communications, parades, and sporting events. Brian is active with, and supports the ARRL and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES), and RACES. (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service)

Mr. Adams is currently the appointed Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Ada and Elmore County and has completed several FEMA / BHS ICS courses. He is also active with the Voice of Idaho Amateur Radio Club, Valley Wide REACT®, and is a member of the Boise Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

Brian looks forward to a very active, productive, and fun packed 2010. Get out. Get involved. Have fun!



CURRENT DIST. 3 ARES® ROSTER

- Ed Stuckey (SM) Idaho
- Bob Kesson (SEC) Idaho
- *TBD* (DEC) Idaho
- Adams, Brian (EC) Ada County**
- Bailey, Tim Valley County
- Bergen, Fred Ada County
- Dunn, Russ Canyon County
- Every, Dave Canyon County
- Grantham, AJ Canyon County
- Hagerman, Dean Ada County
- Hales, Wade Canyon County
- Jacob, Buddy (AEC) Ada County
- Kroenke, Gerald Ada County
- Lynn, Don Canyon County
- Marsh, Otis Ada County
- Mclouth, Bill Ada County
- Moore, Marlene (EC) Owyhee County
- Parks, Jason Ada County
- Roethig, James Ada County
- Rynearson, Tim (EC) Gem County
- Sendra, Julie Ada County
- Shaner, Ric Ada County
- Stone, John Canyon County
- Turnblom, Bruce Ada County
- Woodall, Dan (AEC) Ada County

'SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS!'

How's your GO-KIT? Gone, or yet to be found?

Credit KE7HLR and EMCOMMWEST 2008 for some of this content.

Each issue we will talk about making, maintaining and re-stocking your Emergency Go-Kits. This month we are starting with the basic Day Pack. This kit can be left in your vehicle and may be joined, if you have the room, with your 24-Hour Kit.

The 24-Hour Kit should be designed to supplement the Day Pack and should be kept in your vehicle. We will dive into this Kit next month.

Although your Day Pack should be somewhat personal in nature, there are some things that we believe to be standard, and I consider 'must haves' those items are outlined to the right.

The key with your pack is to be able to be your own lifeline for 8-12 hrs. and have it be able to keep you comfortable. Also, remember to plan your Day Pack to be a slimmed down version of your 24-Hour kit.

This is what I have at the ready for my needs. Please personalize your Pack's and Kit's to make you comfortable. We could never bring everything that we want or think we may need, so hit the high points and do your best. Also, ask around, compare, and talk to other folks to see what works for them. We all have 'lessons learned' and will share our experiences.

Next issue: What's on your Thumb Drive? IS-Forms and documents, and expanding our 'Go-Kits'

-Brian Adams- w7cvs
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ITEMS FOR 'DAY PACK' GO-KITS:

- Heavy duty bag / back pack.
- Clothing for current season.
 - Rain gear, wind breaker, hat, etc.
- Drinking water. 2-16 oz. bottles
- Snacks
- Dual Band HT with AA battery pack.
- Speaker Mic. for HT
- HT power cable (w/powerpoles)
- HT cigar lighter cable (female connector)
- Safety vest; class three type
- Flashlight
- Binoculars, compact-8x35
- Spare Batteries. (flashlight, and HT)
- First Aid kit
- Whistle
- Personal Hygiene Items.
- Leatherman tool, small toolkit, Duct Tape (small roll)
- Garbage Bag
- Adapters (SMA/SO-239, SMA/BNC, etc.)
- Cable ties, Safety wire, Nylon Rope (1/8" x 50')
- Powerpole connectors and 10ga. Wire
- ARES Field Manual
- Radio Manuals
- Maps of your local area (laminated if possible)
- Thumb drive or similar storage device with IS documents/forms and Certs.
- Notebook, pens, Sharpie markers.
- Cash; \$20 in small bills and some quarters.

Do you have a contact person or family outside of the affected area that you will notify 'all is well' during a local disaster?

What's happening around the valley?

We like to use community and public events as a training aid. We would encourage everyone to get involved, go out and use your skills. These are not all ARES / RACES events, just a time to practice and get familiar with our equipment. The only way we will 'dial in' our skills, is to practice them.

Many of our community events and activities last between 2-4 hours and it gives us a chance to get to know one another to form a relationship when times are good. We need to build and have these relationships in place prior to being asked to deploy.

Additional Contacts: ARES / RACES Representatives

State of Idaho ARES/RACES

- **Ed Stuckey** – AI7H (SM) ai7h@arrl.org
- **Bob Kesson** – K7CGA (SEC) k7cga@arrl.net
- **Dean Hagerman** – KE7CEA (Chief RACES Officer)
- **Julie Sendra** – KE7IDI (Idaho BHS)

Ada County:

- **Dan Woodall** – N7DKW (AEC) Assistant Emergency Coordinator n7dkw@arrl.net
- **Buddy Jacob** – K7HBJ (AEC) bjacob@clearwire.net
- **Brian Adams** – W7CVS (EC) Emergency Coordinator w7cvs@arrl.net

Canyon County:

- **Russ Dunn** – N7SMA n7sma@arrl.net
- **Don Lynn** – ND7L nd7l@arrl.net
- **John Stone** – K7JPS (EMS Liaison) k7jps@clearwire.net

Owyhee County:

- **Marlene Moore** – KF6YNC (EC) disaster911@juno.com

Gem County:

- **Tim Rynearson** – N7UBO (EC) n7ubo@msn.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **RACES** – First Thursday of each month at 1830hrs on Gowen Field. Contact your ARES / RACES representative Dan Woodall to be added to the gate list.
- **Voice of Idaho Club** – Second Wednesday of each month at 1930hrs at the Idaho Pizza Company, 405 E. Fairview Rd. in Meridian – www.voiceofidaho.org
Contact: Buddy Jacob
- **Valley Wide REACT** – Fourth Wednesday of the month at 1900hrs at Casa Mexico 10332 Fairview Ave in Boise –Contact: Russ Dunn
- **Jet Boat Races** – April 17-18th in Riggins Idaho –Contact: Tim Rynearson
- **The Idaho State Convention**
April 23 - 25th, 2010
Holiday Inn at Boise Airport
3300 S. Vista Avenue in Boise. – www.idahostateconvention.com
Contact: Don Lynn

‘SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC EVENT
COORDINATORS!’