

Steele County Emergency Management



Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service and Amateur Radio Emergency Service



Emergency communications using the Amateur Radio Service in Steele County is coordinated through Steele County Emergency Management.

At first glance, RACES and ARES appear to be duplicate groups, but there are key differences. A RACES operation may be restricted by FCC rules that do not apply to an ARES operation. In certain circumstances, a RACES operation may be allowed when an ARES operation is not. Having both organizations established and operating as a unified group provides the best opportunity to ensure a viable communications solution is available in an emergency.

In a RACES operation, RACES stations may communicate only with other RACES stations. Any United States citizen, who possesses a valid FCC Amateur Radio Operator License, technician or higher, is eligible to become a member of RACES. RACES stations are required to be registered with local emergency management. All licensed Amateur Radio operators can be involved in an ARES operation.

We encourage all Steele County Amateur Radio operators to take a moment to register. Whether you are actively involved in some form of emergency services or only willing to participate when a communications emergency actually occurs, your registration today helps to provide an effective solution when needed. Knowing the available resources in advance helps to provide a rapid response. Identifying individuals that do not have an interest or capability to assist help provide a rapid response by eliminating unnecessary contacts during activation.

Please fill out the form on the reverse side and return to:

Mike Johnson KCØWQQ
Steele County Emergency Management Director
107 West Main Street
Owatonna, MN 55060
507-444-2454

Whether you can assist or not, please complete the application.
Thanks for your help making Steele County prepared.

Please indicate your preferred level of participation in Steele County RACES/ARES:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I want to be actively involved in emergency communication events and drills.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact me only when a communications emergency exists.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not contact me. (Only provide your name and call sign below)

Name: _____
Last First MI

Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____

Address: _____
Apt. No.

City, St: _____
ZIPCODE

Please indicate phone numbers in the order you should be contacted at:

1. _____	Home Business Cell
2. _____	Home Business Cell
3. _____	Home Business Cell
e-mail: _____	

Indicate other emergency response organizations you are part of:

<input type="checkbox"/>	CERT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Red Cross	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	SKYWARN	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Please indicate any training you completed relating to emergency communication:

<input type="checkbox"/>	FEMA IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
<input type="checkbox"/>	FEMA IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
<input type="checkbox"/>	FEMA IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction
<input type="checkbox"/>	FEMA IS-800 National Response Plan, An Introduction
<input type="checkbox"/>	ARRL EC-001 EmComm Level I
<input type="checkbox"/>	ARRL EC-002 EmComm Level II
<input type="checkbox"/>	ARRL EC-003 EmComm Level III
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval – RACES Officer Initials	Date:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval – SCEM Manager Initials	Date:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RACES ID Issued	Badge No.	Date: