



## Carrollton-Farmers Branch-Addison ARES®-RACES

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### Basic Membership Requirements

1. Demonstrate a willingness to prepare for and participate in emergency communication events.
2. Willing to equip one's self with knowledge, skills, and equipment to meet basic mission requirements (see basic kit contents).
3. Possess a valid amateur radio operator license for VHF/UHF operation.
4. Own a VHF/UHF ham transceiver capable of 25 watts out to the antenna.
5. Live in, work in, or be able to respond to emergencies in the cities of Carrollton, Farmers Branch or Addison.
6. Be approved by the ARES emergency coordinator or RACES radio officer.

### Maintaining Your Membership

1. Continue to meet basic requirements.
2. Participate in at least 11 ARES/RACES training nets. There are an estimated 22 training nets each year.
3. Participate as a communicator for at least three consecutive hours in at least one approved special event, simulated emergency net or in a drill with controlled net conditions, emergency net, or a SKYWARN® net.

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Participate in an alternate activity approved by the ARES emergency coordinator or RACES radio officer.

4. Complete FEMA NIMS IS-100b, IS-200b, and IS-700b courses. You may find the course material here: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>.
5. Attend National Weather Service certified SKYWARN® training within the last 24 months.
6. Own a VHF/UHF transceiver capable of a minimum 25 watts out to the antenna.



### Suggested Basic Kit

1. VHF/UHF transceiver, HT & mobile with extra batteries
2. Fuses for radio
3. USNG reference map for Dallas County. Visit these links for more information:

<https://apps.microsoft.com/store/detail/myusng/9NQXG96XTKTG>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.esri.myusng>

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/myusng/id1281298855>

4. ARES/RACES identification card
  5. Valid Amateur Radio license
  6. Spare glasses if you cannot function without them
  7. Medications if required during a long activation
  8. First aid kit
  9. Compass
  10. Flashlight with spare batteries
  11. Watch
  12. Clipboard with a pencil or pen and paper
  13. A full tank of fuel for your vehicle
  14. Foul weather gear appropriate for the season
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