

## Clallam County ARES Activities in 2017

Summary: Clallam County ARES has proven capable of maintaining both voice and digital communications from Fairchild Airport in Port Angeles to Washington State EMD at Camp Murray and the alternate Joint Operations Center in Spokane.

1. Worked FEMA 60 meter Military/Amateur Radio Interoperability Net (every third Wednesday, monthly in 2017)
2. Worked WSDOT radio net every third Tuesday, monthly in 2017)
3. Expanded CEMNET communications checks with State EOC from Sequim, EOC and Port Angeles weekly
4. Worked 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Washington State radio exercises (Quarterly)
5. Digital Winlink and equipment checks Tuesday mornings (weekly)
6. ARES Repeater, Simplex and HF radio nets Tuesday evenings (weekly)
7. ARES training and Advisory meetings (monthly)
8. Have regular ARES member participation in National Traffic System (NTS) nets
9. Have regular ARES member participation in Washington State Emergency Nets
10. Worked two Communications Exercises with National Guard, Washington State Guard, and Coast Guard assets, in Clallam County involving remote site EOC and West End participants, to include Makah Tribe, Clallam Bay and Forks
11. Participated with Active Shooter exercise at Peninsula College with law enforcement and emergency management personnel
12. Created and coordinated a Hospital Surge Exercise involving Clallam and Jefferson County ARES, EOCs, ECCs, TOC, State RACES and area hospitals and clinics
13. Participated in community and business safety fairs at Peninsula College, Forks, Port Angeles, KONP Home Show, the County Fair, Home Depot/Sequim and Joyce
14. Provided assistance to Peninsula College and the PUD in developing communications capabilities
15. Provided backup communications for Olympic Adventure Trail, Great Olympic Adventure Trail and North Olympic Discovery Marathon runs (events)

16. Tested operability of ICV as radio communications center. (Too small)
17. Tested use of Trailer as a radio communications center using privately owned equipment (successful)
18. First testing and use of ARRL Western Washington Ham-Aid Equipment packages (HF and Dual Band systems) (David Sue, Monte Simpson)
19. Briefed Area Command 5 (NOPEC) on ARES in the County, including "hands-on" demonstrations with HT radios and digital traffic
20. Currently working with Undersheriff and communities to establish Area Command 1 and Area Command 2 communications Working on radio with the Makah Nation through their Emergency Management Coordinator
21. Working PUD communications issues between West End and Carlsborg/Sequim locations (Larry Morris)
22. Working backup radio issues with Olympic Medical Center
23. Working EOC radio grounding and antenna issues with County personnel (Dave Tate)
24. Established Communications-Technician position within Clallam County ARES structure per, WA AuxCom protocols (Bill Carter)
25. Issued approved ANSI Type 2 vests to all ARES members for increased visibility while deployed. (Vests provided by County Emergency Management Unit)
26. Continuing issue of Clallam County ARES manuals to ARES members and ECCs
27. Increased emphasis and tracking of ICS courses for ARES members
28. Working Emergency Alert Systems issues with County Emergency Management and commercial broadcast providers
29. Expanded training in the West End, to include participation with Jefferson County in Ham Classes and FCC testing
30. ARES members participated, taught and served as examiners in two Port Angeles HAM classes and FCC testing per year

Respectfully submitted,  
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