

SARES welcomes new members

If you already have an FCC Amateur Radio License:

To join SARES just tune in your 2-meter radio to our local Repeater K6GL/R 145.170MHz, negative offset, PL=94.8Hz every Monday around 8:15pm inside the SPECS net and every Tuesday at 7:45pm (local time) before the SVECS net and talk to us on the air.

If you do not yet have an Amateur Radio License:

Please feel free to call us anyway. We will hook you up with an organization in your area to teach you the necessary knowledge to pass the FCC test and (time permitting) we might be even able to coach you or work with you to become a licensed operator. If you want to learn about amateur radio through self-study, we would like to recommend books and other materials to you. We will be able to provide you with dates and locations to take the license exam.

The City of Sunnyvale will assist you with enrolling into the SARES program by getting you registered as an official Disaster Service Worker (you will benefit from insurance coverage during SARES activities, according to local and State regulations).

To register, please contact the

Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety
Office of Emergency Services
700 All America Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94088
408-730-7190
csampson@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

And make sure you visit our web site at

<http://www.sunnyvalreares.org/>

If you still have questions you may e-mail us at info@sunnyvaleares.org .



SARES

Sunnyvale Amateur Radio Emergency Service



When disaster strikes...

- ❑ Earthquake
- ❑ Tornado, storms
- ❑ Severe weather
- ❑ Flooding
- ❑ Fire
- ❑ Hazardous materials incident
- ❑ Power outage
- ❑ Police, Firefighter and other public service frequencies are overloaded
- ❑ Phone lines are down, cell phones are out of service, street traffic comes to a standstill



SARES emergency operation (picture by N6HM)

Amateur radio operators can help to provide communications. The FCC has granted amateur radio operators plenty of frequency spectrum bands to operate in and we have the permission to operate on any licensed frequency and in any mode to get the job done (voice, fax, amateur TV, packet = digital, Morse code).

What is SARES?

SARES is the local ARES group of radio amateur volunteers serving the City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety. We provide reliable backup communication links as well as additional eyes & ears and hands where needed, always linked with 2-way radio. Under the mutual aid agreement we also provide services to neighboring cities, the County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Services as well as to help organizations such as the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army.

How is SARES organized?

SARES is an independent citywide ARES group of the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) Santa Clara Valley Section. SARES has over 100 members in Sunnyvale and is led by a team of one Emergency Coordinator with 10 Assistant Emergency Coordinators. SARES is part of the SPECS net (Southern Peninsula Emergency System) and SVECS net (Silicon Valley Emergency Communications System).

What is in it for you ?

Free training opportunities as net control station, traffic handler, VIP shadow, Incident Command System, etc.; quarterly meetings with featured speakers; quarterly exercise drills in the field and tabletop simulated emergency tests to practice your skills; you can meet fellow hams and last but not least you give back to your community and earn recognition by your community by helping in times of need.

Other activities and social events

Other non-disaster services that SARES provides: locating missing person, child or vehicle. And don't forget the biggest emergency simulation event of the year: ARRL Field Day on the last full weekend in June. We traditionally serve as the primary communicators in the Lakewood Village Christmas Parade each year. SARES has a traditional bi-weekly luncheon at a local restaurant where you can meet other members of the group. For the holiday season you and your family are invited to join us for a potluck dinner.

It's free

Membership in SARES is at no cost for you, and all services provided by Radio Amateurs are strictly on a volunteer basis according to the FCC Rules Part 97, which prohibit compensation for amateur radio operators. The City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety provides us with administrative support.

SARES at the June 2005 ARRL Field Day (picture by N6HM)

