



GA ARES MAT

Mutual Assistance Team



The Georgia Amateur Radio Emergency Service Mutual Assistance Team (GA ARES MAT) is tasked with building a well-trained team of highly skilled amateur radio operators who support our served agencies during communications emergencies. We also provide surge capacity, training, and support for sister ARES groups in Georgia and in adjacent States.

The ARES MAT concept recognizes that when disaster strikes, local ARES groups may become preoccupied with mitigation of their own personal situations and be unable to respond. Accordingly, ARES MAT stands ready to step in as a short- or long-term resource for auxiliary communications.

How MAT Works



MAT volunteers are selected from the ranks of local ARES groups. However, the MAT Team does not “steal” members from a local ARES group. Instead we want to “borrow” from a local group, train and provide practical experience to the borrowed member, and return that member to a local ARES group.

Each MAT team includes a team leader and two to six radio operators ready for quick deployment.

All members receive ongoing advanced training in a wide range of communications support disciplines—digital and analog.

Alpha Team

This premier team has advanced training, are masters in a wide range of communications specialties, are experienced with deployment, and are ready for rapid field deployment. The Alpha Team is assigned to all GEMA SOC deployments.

Bravo Team

The Bravo Team provides support for the Alpha Team. Bravo Team members must also hold advanced specialized training with WL2K, DSTAR, FLIDIGI, HF, and other communications support modes. Actual disaster deployment or public service experience is a must to qualify for the Bravo Team.

Charlie Team

The Charlie Team is composed of less experienced ARES operators working with a mentor toward advancement to the Bravo or Alpha Team. Emergency Coordinator and District Emergency Coordinator approval is required.

Interested

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