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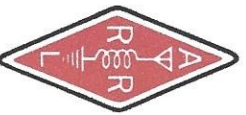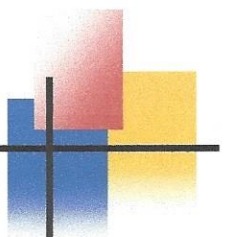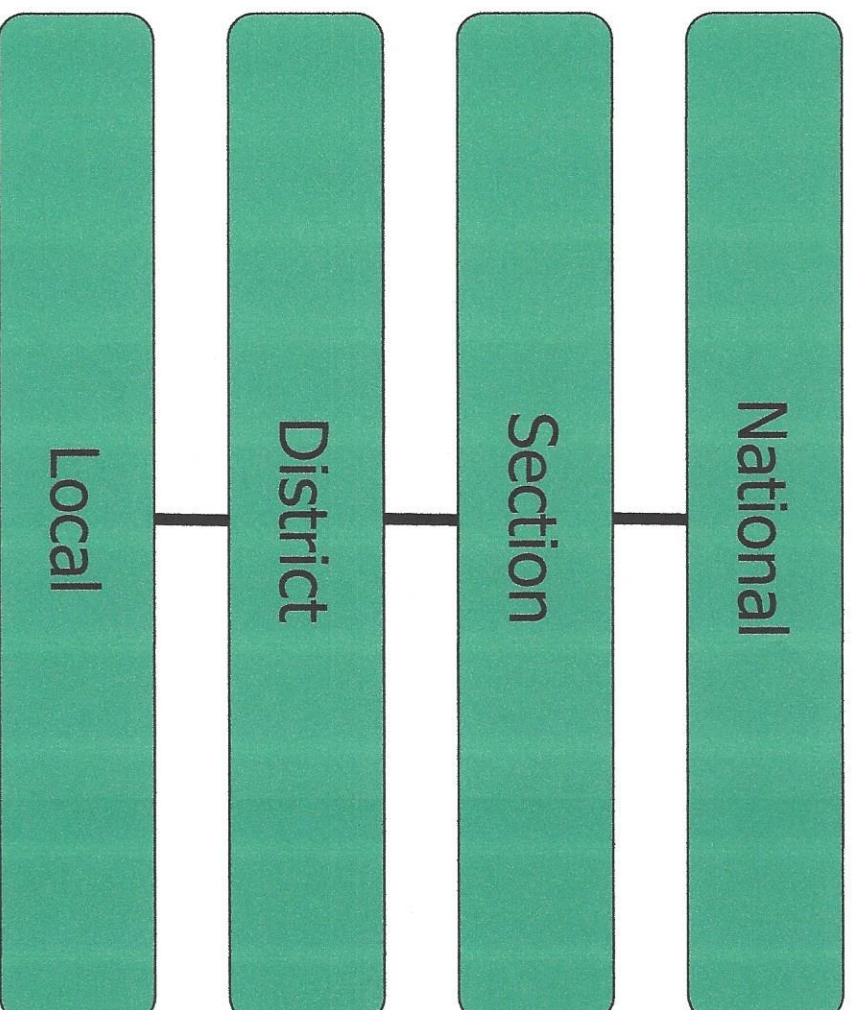
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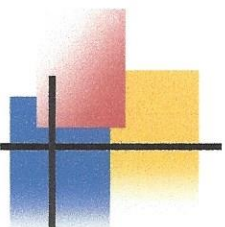## Amateur Radio Emergency Service

- Administered by ARRL

- FCC licensed amateur radio volunteers

- Over 40,000 registered in United States

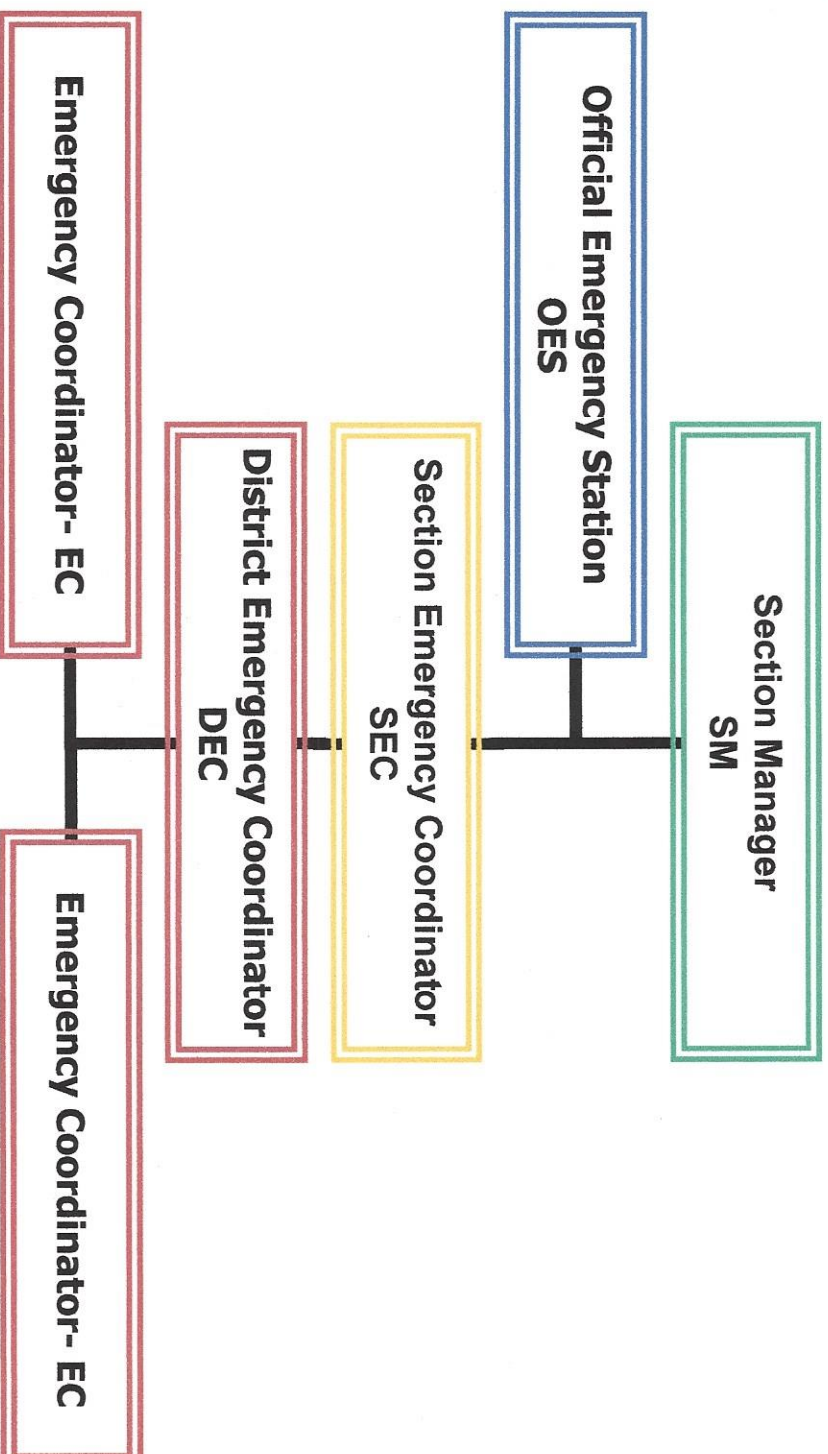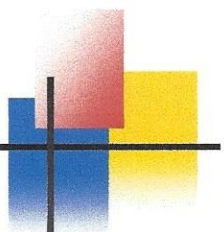- Trained and experienced operators, ready to respond in emergencies

ARES Organization

Local	District	Section	National

ARES Field Organization

Section Manager
SM

Official Emergency Station
OES

Section Emergency Coordinator
SEC

District Emergency Coordinator
DEC

Emergency Coordinator- EC
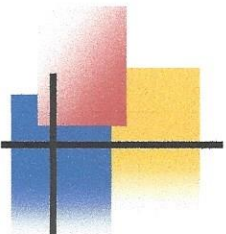
Emergency Coordinator- EC

Section Level

- ARRL Section Manager appoints the Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC)

- SEC oversees and recommends District EC and local EC appointments

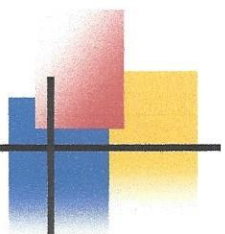- May appoint OES (Official Emergency Station)
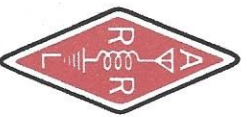
Section Emergency Coordinator - SEC

- Advises Section on emergency policy and planning.

- Develops and maintains Section Emergency Plan.

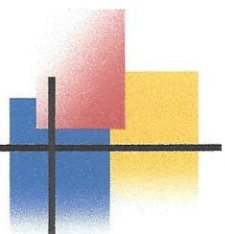- Liaison with section served agencies.

District Emergency Coordinator - DEC

- Coordinates training and organization of local EC's.

- Makes local decisions in the absence of, or in cooperation with, the SEC.

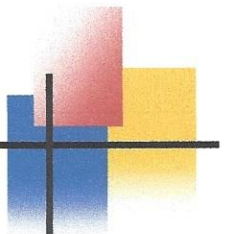- Coordinates reporting activity in district.

Local: Emergency Coordinator EC

- Establishes working relationships with served agencies in the ARES jurisdiction.

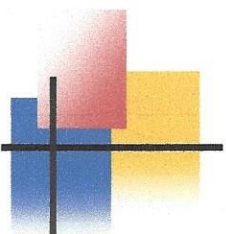- Recruits and trains ARES members through exercises and tests.

Official Emergency Station - OES

- Responsible for specific, pre-determined operational assignments.

- Liaison, administration, logistics.

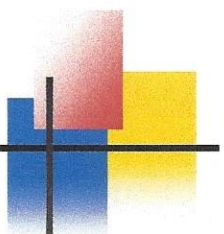- Participates in planning meetings and post-event evaluations.

Simulated Emergency Test – SETs

- Annual Nationwide Exercise

- Find strengths and weaknesses of ARES

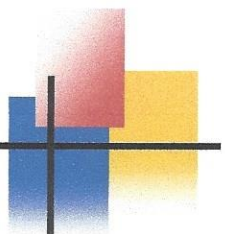- Provide public demonstration to served agencies

SETs and Training

- Gain experience under simulated emergency conditions.

- ARRL offers 3 Levels Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Courses.

- Information: http://www.arrl.org/cce/

More information

- ARRL:
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- Public Service:
  www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pubservice.html