

# SARES welcomes new members

If you already have an FCC Amateur Radio License:

Join us on any of our weekly Monday nets. We meet at 7:30pm before the SPECS net (8:00pm, <https://www.specsnet.org>) on either of these two repeaters: K6SNY/R 145.170 MHz, negative offset, PL=94.8 Hz or K6SNY/R 444.525 MHz, positive offset, PL=94.8 Hz. If you don't hear the net on one repeater, switch to the other repeater to join the net.

The SARES repeater group also operates the K6SNY 70 cm repeater on 443.275MHz, positive offset, PL=107.2 Hz. This repeater is open to all licensed amateur radio operators and we invite you to enjoy the wide regional coverage of this repeater.

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.

We will help you with enrolling as a volunteer with the City of Sunnyvale, Department of Public Safety, by getting you registered as an official Disaster Service Worker (you will benefit from insurance coverage during SARES activations, according to local and State regulations).

To register, please contact the Sunnyvale ARES Emergency Coordinator

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And make sure you visit our web site at

<https://www.sunnyvaleares.org/>

If you still have questions you may e-mail us at [info@sunnyvaleares.org](mailto:info@sunnyvaleares.org).



## SARES

### Sunnyvale Amateur Radio Emergency Service



# Sunnyvale

## 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 radio room operations (picture by KG6HI)

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 (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) 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 50 members in Sunnyvale and is led by a team of one Emergency Coordinator with 7 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.

## 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 a communication exercise (picture by KG6HI)

