

The same members who are currently its strength also are its weakness due to their aging. We don't have the manpower in the pipeline to replace these people. A good many of our membership is 60+.

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General distribution of age of active members. Need more younger/middle aged active members a

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The lack of leadership and training in Region 1.

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Organization

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new member recruiting

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Infrequent hands on training.

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Lack of Proficiency / Capability in Data Communications - Both RMS Express and Classic Packet Radio

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Reluctance of general members to obtain training.

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Making specific training mandatory

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Training

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Lack of organized training and established protocols for all communications formats.

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Low participation

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It is not the same across the state. Some areas have robust programs and others are lacking.

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Limited knowledge of the electronic systems of communication

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Three things: 1. Failure to adapt to the reality of modern emergency management. 2. Failure to integrate with emergency management. 3. Failure to train.

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Probability of long term response, maintain staffing over long periods. Also I have found people who refuse to train or participate in training and preparedness, but show up at a disaster ready to help and offer advice.

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There is poor representation from region one.

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Non-volunteers who say, When it happens I'll help, training is key here

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Not all radio amateurs are willing to join the organization, and take the mandated ICS courses.

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Lack of net control and message handling skills

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Not consistently being integrated into EM & Red Cross exercises and real responses. ARES often seems an optional partner.

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Region 1 lack of leadership

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The DMR network has too many glitches.

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The increasingly complex methods of transferring information. Many ARES members aren't able to keep up with the many changes without training.

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Sometimes the lack of communication

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Information sharing about volunteer communicator readiness. Examples: of the number of CT ARES members what percentage are expressing the Project Task Book and formally getting their continued training signed off versus those who are not. Program was announced with little follow up information after the announcement, no reminders heard, no stats shared on adoption of this program. I think we might do better in this area to measure our progress as an organization in the skill certification process.

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People do not believe that ARES is considered to be part of state and municipal EOPs and therefore there is no value to the program.

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1.Low motivation to serve 2.Leaders who do not "lead" - lazy 3.Low visibility to the ones we serve 4.We are not part of the emergency team 5.We are an aging population - we need younger members 6. not engaged with the ICS system 7. not engaged with local emergency management

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Lack of good list of who is a member and for the local town of who is a member. NTS NETs should be more business like and save all hi to the net until the net is finished. Practicing good comms and then when an actual event. It will operate much smoother. Hear to many blowing their own horn when enter different nets.

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Lack of operator technical skills/training (common sense) and the use of inferior equipment and antennas to perform the communication functions of the entities we serve. An event is not the place to test equipment, antennas etc. Operators need to show up with professional equipment and attitude.

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A lack of "new young blood"

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Lack of communication and explanations of certain aspects. Also, general knowledge of available programs and education.

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Lack of group activities.

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ARES lacks daily (or at least frequent) visibility and may not get credit or visibility for all that it does in the way of civic and public service activities

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Other than the web page and nets, it isn't easy for a newbie like myself to navigate joining ARES. I'm still not sure if I'm deployable as I'd never gotten any messages or replies from local or regional AREA officials. I am a member of the Meriden Amateur Radio Club's Subgroup: WARG as well as CERT so I know I'm deployable there. Perhaps, occasional regional Meet n' Greet orientations would be something to consider.

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Living in the dark ages of thinking the need to communicate long distances not realizing the true need to communicate is 10-50 miles away using FM, not unpredictable HF bands

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not sure since, I am a new operator, could use some interactive disaster scenarios to get new hams familiar with the process

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Reluctance to take training

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The ARRL and ARES insistence to encourage DMR for use in emergencies. DMR needs network connectivity to work, which would be the first thing to go in a dire emergency. Very foolhardy to even think it would be useful since it barely works on a good day.

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Overly complicated training exercises. There is no need for detailed, invented scenarios. We should just test our ability to quickly organize and set up communications links with and without repeaters. Also, I believe digital communications are an unnecessary complication. Stick to easy to use analog radios that virtually anyone can use effectively with minimal training.

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Not enough training.

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People losing interest in participating in functions

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Recruitment and information transfer is mostly self-serve. How do I know about CT ARES and find ctares.org; how would I know that this is where the repeater frequencies are as well as other relevant information? How do I find out who my Emergency Coordinator is?

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N/A

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Poor dissemination of information regarding exercises. Very low bench strength depth, if the 'guy who does that' is not around, no backup.

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too much paperwork

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Awareness amongst local emergency services (PD, Fire, EMS, etc) Age of ARES participants - appears to be on the older side

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To many technologies

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There just does not seem to be enough opportunities to volunteer for events and practice for them. Could just be the nature of things today or that event organizers either don't know of or don't want participation by ARES. The SET doesn't seem to help individual operators as much as it helps the leadership, which I acknowledge is very important. I'm never sure I'd be effective when a real emergency occurs. Having a SET once or twice a year also limits my ability to participate.

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Not updating eoc equipment

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event, policy and activity notifications

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Notices for net are received after nets start.

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