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Elections. Newly elected officials may believe that current communication technologies is all they need in an emergency. As ARES leadership ages and retires, we may not have the ability to sell out product every election cycle. Our product diminishes in the eyes of the EMD's and we become less relevant.

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Elder members no longer participating and not enough younger members to take on the roles

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Lack of training and lack of integration with "served" agencies.

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Lack of interest and participation

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People relying to much on their smart phones and apps. Cell towers go down and they are lost

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apathy

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Not getting more young people involved.

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Not providing top notch relevant services to our Clients.

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Complacency.

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Again, training. Everyone should serve at the level of their capabilities. Making ARES almost "military-like" can backfire. Basic training is beneficial and required. Making it too demanding scares people away.

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Give a way are Spectrum

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Lack of cohesive organization and standardized training.

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Low participation

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Apathy. Thinking that in an emergency things will just work. Things will fall apart fast without practice and proven procedures

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Lack of new and younger members joining the group.  
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Complacency due to ignorance  
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Motorola and its overly complicated, overpriced, encrypted and isolated public safety systems  
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Entropy is the greatest threat; people who drop out, lose drive, initiative and eventually interest.  
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Know it all attitudes  
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There is something of a competition between the emergency communications, and the radio sport sides of the hobby. Emergency communications is not Rag Chewing, nor is it the wham bam thank you ma'am side of contesting. It is effectively passing information, in the most efficient way possible.  
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Inactivity. The fact that we have few "real" emergencies in CT tends to cause a sag in overall motivation among ARES operators.  
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Perception of lack of professionalism.  
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Lack of funding to compensate those who go well beyond the call. I'd do more but I still have full time work.  
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Not being embedded into the state emergency departments  
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Increasingly complex procedures (Multiple Digital Modes, requirements for more credentials). It's getting increasingly oppressive.  
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People not listening  
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Aging membership leading to declining number of volunteer members.  
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Becoming irrelevant. If emergency managers refuse to even consider HAM radio as a resource, what good is ARES.  
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If we fail to act - we'll be left out - will not be wanted in times of emergency Our own members do not see much "value" in belonging to ARES or participating in events or with community EM Our age - lots of white hair in the organization - we need younger participants

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Poor leadership at the local level. Not teaching good practices and correctly the bad as it happens off line but same day. Do what the is needed to be done. Not to here to operate as a communicator. May have to empty the trash. Run a message etc.

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CT Statewide 7/800 trunked system will render the use of amateur radio operators in EOC and other public safety areas obsolete.

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Leadership five to ten years from now.

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Lack of use by served agencies. We are there but sorely underutilized

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Turnover, lack of motivation.

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Lack of meaningful activity...weekly callups are fine, but give everybody a reason to join the callup...like a learning opportunity, or some sort of drill to do, ...something other than a 5 minute muster. People get tired of that after a while and drift away, or fail to see it value and never join.

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Not being taken seriously be local officials. That seems to be true here in Waterbury yet not in Wallingford where I volunteer.

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Ignorance of living in the past 'this is how we did it back in the 90's (and older)'. Older leaders need to retire as they their presence blocks new ideas, methods and policy.

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not sure how to mobilize in a disaster

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Lack of support from ARES management to help EC's get a dialog going with their town officials, and provide more training with aspects requiring technical expertise.

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The lack of regular, respected assignments. Without meaningful work day-to-day within communities, we appear to be a bunch of hobbyists who "play at radio."

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Not enough members, training and organization. I see other ARES teams online that meet regularly, have a roster, are sent emails and have training opportunities. I don't even know if I'm a member or not.

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Official apathy at the state and municipal government level. If the Red Cross is our most substantive served agency connection, we're screwed.

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Rapidly changing Technology. Being complacent with cell phones/ tablets and lack of the average person not preparing for disruptions due to disasters

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Obsolescence and extinction from aging population not replenishing its membership.

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I don't know

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Lack of well documented easily available knowledge, poor communications causes potential members to 'drift away'

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too much paperwork

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FirstNet and more robust primary communication systems for responders.

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Lack of inclusion, I live in a town where there is an emergency group, but not given a chance to be part

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Lack of participation and events in which to participate. More communication from leadership would be helpful. I particularly appreciate the messages from Mike Walters! I also think the Winlink testing with Newtown is a way to keep people engaged. But outside of that I think it's hard to keep people interested.

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Loss of interest in the hobby

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doing nothing; non-participation

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Aging membership.