

Cook County ARES--Fall 2003 Simulated Emergency Test

ARES Registrant EmComm Readiness Self Assessment

Instructions:

1. Please complete the Readiness Self Assessment on Sunday, November 2, before participating in the mini Field Day, if possible.
2. Each assessment item is designed to measure an aspect of your readiness as an amateur radio emergency communicator.
3. Start with zero points.
4. Consider each assessment item, in turn.
5. If you satisfy the requirements of the item, add the corresponding number of points shown in the "Add Points" box to the number of points shown in the "Accumulated Points" box of the previous row, and enter the total in the "Accumulated Points" column of the current row.
6. If you do not satisfy the requirements of the item, just carry the value from the "Accumulated Points" box in the previous row to the "Accumulated Points" box in the current row.
7. The "Accumulated Points" box in the last row should show your total score. Each assessment item is to be evaluated as of the time you begin to complete the form.
8. Please do not attempt to fudge by counting as satisfied deficient assessment items that you have corrected after beginning the form. You'll only be fooling yourself.
9. Please report the total number of points to Neil Ormos N9NL via any of the following methods:
 - (a) by radio during the mini Field Day;
 - (b) by NTS-formatted message transmitted no later than 0000 UTC on 06 Nov 2003;
 - (c) by e-mail <n9nl@arrl.net>;
 - (d) or by postal mail.
10. Self-assessment scores received via method (a), and self-assessment scores received via method (b) before 0000 UTC on 08 Nov 2003, will receive 20 extra bonus points.

	Assessment Item	Add Points	Accumulated Points
1.	If you have a "go-kit" (an emergency communications kit containing equipment and supplies for communications and for your personal needs when serving in an emergency, and ready for immediate deployment without collecting equipment and materials from throughout the shack and the rest of the house):	10	
2.	If you have a 2m radio with at least 5 watts output available for use in an emergency fixed location other than your home or vehicle (radios which can be completely removed from your home or mobile installation within 5 minutes count):	10	
3.	If item 2 resides in your go-kit so that it need not be removed from a home or mobile installation:	5	
4.	If item 2 has power output of 25 watts or more:	5	
5.	If you have a 2m omnidirectional antenna which can be used with item 2 in an emergency fixed location remote from the radio:	10	
6.	If item 5 has more gain than a 1/4 wave whip antenna:	5	
7.	If you have portable means, other than a vehicle, for supporting item 5 at a height of at least 10 feet above the ground:	5	
8.	If you have a 2m directional antenna that provides gain:	5	
9.	If you have portable means, other than a vehicle, for supporting item 8 at a height of at least 10 feet above the ground:	5	
10.	If you have at least 40 feet of feedline connectorized for items 2, 5, and 8:	5	
11.	If you have at least 80 feet of feedline connectorized for items 2, 5, and 8:	5	
12.	If a copy of a manual or quick reference card or guide for item 2 is permanently stored in your go-kit:	3	
13.	If you have emergency power to operate item 2 at 5 watts for at least 10 hours:	10	

14.	If you have emergency power to operate item 2 at maximum power for at least 4 hours:	5	
15.	If you have emergency power to operate item 2 at maximum power for at least 8 hours:	5	
16.	If you have a hand-held 2m radio with power output of at least 4 watts:	10	
17.	If item 16 resides, fully charged, in your go-kit:	5	
18.	If you have at least one spare battery, fully charged, for item 16:	5	
19.	If you have a second spare battery, fully charged, for item 16:	5	
20.	If you have means for operating item 16 from: a battery having at least 5 times the capacity of the battery supplied by the manufacturer; or a power supply; or an automotive power source:	5	
21.	If you have a battery pack for item 16, separate from any for which you claimed credit in items 18-19, which can accept conventional dry cells (carbon-zinc or alkaline) in a format easily obtained at drug stores or discount department stores:	3	
22.	If you have an extended-length radio-supported antenna (e.g., a long rubber duck or a telescoping antenna) for item 16:	5	
23.	If you have an adapter to connect the hand-held antenna to one of items 5 or 8:	5	
24.	If a copy of a manual or quick reference card or guide for item 16 is permanently stored in your go-kit:	3	
25.	If all of your emergency equipment that runs on 12 V, including power supplies and batteries, has 12V leads connectorized with a consistent set of connectors:	5	
26.	If all of your emergency equipment that runs on 12 V, including power supplies and batteries, has 12V leads connectorized with 30 or 45 Amp Anderson Power-Pole® connectors:	5	
27.	If each of items 2 and 16 are programmed according to your local emergency communications group's frequency plan:	10	
28.	If your go-kit contains a list of your local emergency communications group's frequency plan:	3	
29.	If your go-kit contains the procedures manual of your local emergency communications group:	5	
30.	If your go-kit contains a flashlight:	5	
31.	If your go-kit or vehicle contains a map of the area covered by your local emergency communications group:	5	
32.	If your go-kit contains a log book or note book for logging your activities when providing emergency communications services:	3	
33.	If your go-kit contains a guide to the NTS radiogram message format, including ARRL recommended precedences and handling instructions for radiogram messages:	3	
34.	If your go-kit contains a list of ARRL Numbered Radiograms (sometimes referred to as "ARL messages"):	4	
35.	If your go-kit contains at least 4 blank radiogram message forms:	3	
36.	If you do not wear prescription lenses:	3	
37.	If you wear prescription lenses, and your go-kit contains a spare pair of glasses or contact lenses:	3	
38.	If you do not require prescription medication:	3	
39.	If you do require prescription medication, and your go-kit contains at least a 24-hour supply of all required prescription medication:	3	
40.	If you have taken a Basic Skywarn Training Class within the last 2 years:	5	
41.	If you have successfully completed ARRL's Level I Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC):	10	
42.	If you have successfully completed ARRL's Level II Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC):	5	
43.	If you have successfully completed ARRL's Level III Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC):	5	