

ARES (DMAP) 2010 District Mutual Aid Program Eastern Ontario

Preliminary handout

Qs & As you might find useful:

What is ARES DMAP?

It is a program that allows an ARES District to have a mutual aid capability in place, a set of SOPs so that each ARES group within can call upon other adjacent groups for mutual aid, should their ARES emergency operation be soon overwhelmed in meeting their client(s) emergency radio communications need.

If there was no ARES DMAP in place in Canada, how did this come to be in your district?

It came to be because a real need for this was identified early in the creation a new ARES District that needed to be developed from scratch.

Why are you doing a Mutual Aid system?

So that each ARES group within my District can help each other when any now are or soon to be overwhelmed in their ARES Emcomm operation. Most groups do NOT have enough boots on the ground and can easily be overwhelmed.

How does your Mutual Aid system work?

It works by following the process within the DMAP manual of invoking or responding to a call for help, which is a set of SOPs developed for the group in need, and group(s) responding to follow. - Even during times of real stress, the DMAP process will walk you through step by step. The group leaderships involved can self coordinate at first, unless this escalates District wide, then DEC and SEC would have to be involved using the same method, that of the ARES RMAP – which is at the regional level.

If I am requesting aid from a neighboring county, what can I expect?

With the ARES DMAP you can expect the responding ARES group(s) to deploy the resources requested in a very coordinated way, with their full knowledge of knowing what to expect, and with yours, when they arrive.

If I am a radio operator traveling to a neighboring county to assist, what should I expect?

As an ARES Emcomm Mutual Aid responder, you can expect to be properly received, processed and treated in a coordinated manor, as they, this neighboring county will have been informed by the group sending you there, of what you can do and have brought with you to help.

***** If you have a question that is not answered here, then please do bring them with you to my presentation session *****

Cheers,

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