Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

Download the ARES Manual http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/ARES/ARESmanual2015.pdf

ARES Field Resources Manual http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ARES FR Manual.pdf

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FEMA Student Identification https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid

Distance Learning http://training.fema.gov/is

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers self-paced courses designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. All are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment.

FEMA's Independent Study Program offers courses that support the nine mission areas identified by the National Preparedness Goal.

- Incident Management
- Operational Planning
- Disaster Logistics
- Emergency Communications
- Service to Disaster Victims
- Continuity Programs
- Public Disaster Communications
- Integrated Preparedness
- Hazard Mitigation

IS-100.B: Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100 http://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b

IS-200.B: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents http://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.b

IS-700.A: National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction http://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a

Go Kit Checklist

2 meter HT plus 12 hours worth of batteries (a dual band 2M/440 is better)

Consider a waterproof bag to protect it from the elements

1/2 wave gain antenna for better performance and a magnetic mount antenna

AC to DC adapter and auto cigarette lighter plug cable to power HT

Remote speaker/microphone or headset

Headphones with correct connector to plug into radio, for use in noisy areas

Extra coax for antenna and connectors and adapters for radio

Local and area maps

Clock or accurate time source

Repeater listing frequency Directory

Users manual for your radios or cheat sheets

Message forms, writing pads, pens and clipboard

Copy of FCC license and driver's license

Appropriate clothes for the weather, terrain and duration, dress to stay warm and dry.

Hat, sunglasses and sunblock during warm sunny weather.

Food, water, and needed medicines for at least 12 hours

First Aid Kit, First Aid and CPR training?

Night time gear, flashlight, extra batteries and bulb, reflective vest, flares in vehicle

Small tool kit, gas and water shut off tools

Extra Items

Second radio with 12 hours of battery power

Base station antenna i.e.. J-pole and mounting hardware

50 feet of coax with connectors

Scanner radio and frequency list of local public safety agencies

Large 12 volt battery, Gel or deep cycle, charger, 100 feet of AC power cord, large gauge

Poster paper, markers and tape for signs

Hard-hat for your head

3-way electrical adapter (for 2 prong outlets)

Whistle

Waterproof paper