

Santa Cruz County ARES POWER 2021 2.5

(Practice for **Outages With Emergency Radio**)

General Information for Participants

Power shut-offs late this summer and fall are likely. These shut-offs may leave areas of the county without cellular or land-line telephone service. As an ARES member you can help by staffing a communication post where local residents can report emergencies. To ensure we're able to do this effectively, we're holding a two-part ARES POWER Exercise.

This ARES POWER Exercise will cover:

- Handling radio coverage challenges in areas likely to be affected.
- Dealing with possible repeater outages.
- Establishing a communications post and dealing with the public during the epidemic.
- Preparing an appropriate go-bag.
- Practicing turning a public report into a tactical message.
- Prioritizing multiple emergencies (life > property > environment).
- Keeping an accurate log.

ARES POWER includes a highly encouraged two-hour Zoom classroom session, followed by an Outdoor Workshop where you will set up a communication post and handle actors simulating distraught citizens reporting desperate emergencies.

Requirements:

To participate in ARES POWER 2021 you must have:

- A valid FCC amateur radio license.
- Your own radio programmed for local 2-meter and 70-cm repeater and simplex channels
- A Santa Cruz Disaster Service Worker (DSW) badge. (Don't have one? See below.)
- A willingness to staff a communication post during an emergency somewhere in the county for four hours or longer, alone or with another volunteer.

Dates and Times:

- Friday, July 30, 2359 Registration Deadline
- Sunday, July 25, 1900 - 2100 Zoom Classroom Session
- Sunday, August 1, as scheduled Outdoor Workshop
- Monday, August 2, 1900 - 2000 Zoom Hotwash

COVID Precautions:

For the outdoor workshop, we encourage everyone to continue social distancing precautions as best possible. For those that are vaccinated, it is personal preference if you wear a mask or not. Those not vaccinated must wear their mask.

Radio channels:

- See ARES POWER 2021 2.5 ICS-205. Please read all the notes on this form..

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Other important information:

Be sure to read these important documents:

- ARES POWER 2021 2.5 ICS-202 Incident Briefing
- ICS-214 Activity Log -- print this out or download it to your tablet or laptop. Fill it out during the exercise.
- Sample ARES POWER 2021 2.5 ICS-214 Activity Log -- look at this sample to see how to complete your activity log.
- PSPS Emergency Report Form

Procedure:

1. Register by July 30:

- a. Sign-up your preferred time for the Outdoor Workshop.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADA62FA7F4C61-ares>
- b. Receive an email confirming your Outdoor Workshop time.

2. Assemble your go-bag. Update as needed. A suggested list of items is posted to the XCZcomm.com website.

- a. Note: The Emergency Report form has been modified. Please obtain the updated version for the event. **XXXX**

3. Attend the Zoom Classroom Session on Sunday, July 25, 1900 - 2100; If you have attended a previous POWER or Debris Flow presentation, there are limited updates and you may not need to attend unless you want a refresher

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4. **Come to the Sheriff's Office, 5200 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz on Sunday, August 1st,** at your confirmed time with your go-bag.
 - a. Review go-bag contents with staff at check-in
 - b. Set up a communication post.
 - c. Radio in emergencies reported by role-playing actors.
 - d. Get an evaluation of your performance

5. **Attend Hotwash August 2nd 1900** - review event activities - how did it go? Did you have fun?

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6. **Complete Survey that will be sent to you via email. All comments accepted.**

How to Get a Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Badge:

If you'd like participate but don't yet have a county DSW Badge, download an application form here: <https://xczcomm.com/index.php/dsw/>

Bring the **completed** form and picture ID to the Outdoor Workshop 15 minutes before your scheduled time so you can be sworn to serve.