



# Niagara ARES

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## Special points of interest:

- Niagara ARES Newsletter will be published periodically and emailed to ARES members in the Niagara Region.
- Niagara ARES CEC is Henry, VA3OV.
- Contact Henry at: va3ov@bell.net.
- Newsletter prepared by Denis, VE3KVE.
- To unsubscribe from this newsletter, contact Denis at ve3kve@rac.ca.
- Niagara ARES Net every Monday 8:00pm VE3RAF.

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Spring may take a while to arrive since our famous winter/spring forecasters could not be unanimous. Antenna upgrades may have to wait.

The word "Portable" over the air is being misused regularly. We are operating "Portable" when we are at another fixed location away from our licensed radio station. Using a hand held radio does not make it "Portable".



We will continue to hone our communication skills on Monday nights after the regular ARES Net and monthly ARES meeting. Sending voice messages is an acquired skill that only comes with regular practice. We recommend the use of IMS 213R forms. They can be downloaded from our web site [www.aresniagara.org](http://www.aresniagara.org) and printed.

In the past we have mentioned the use of Pro-words while communicating over the radio to eliminate confusion during transmissions over the air. It is important that we all make an effort to use the Pro-words in our daily radio activity. You can find them listed in the ARES Operations Training manual in Section 32-1 to 32-2. Go to the above link and select the appropriate title.

I have included the list of Prowords on a separate page in this Newsletter for your convenience. Read it and use it.

When was the last time you used your radio operation manual to enter a new radio frequency either Simplex or Repeater in the memory bank? Bring your manual at the next meeting for a review.

At the January meeting we covered Outpost digital communication software. A few members have connected to the VA3OV-1 Digipeater. Hopefully more people will attempt to use this digital form of communication. Information is on the website [www.aresniagara.org](http://www.aresniagara.org). There is a great tutorial video that introduces the packet functions.

Your input regarding the Niagara ARES activities would be greatly appreciated for 2017. This is not a one man show this must be a **Team Effort**.

Where do you want Niagara ARES to go from here? Contact your local fire chief, local councilor, mayor, Red Cross, Salvation Army. Talk to them about amateur radio and our desire to participate in the local public service events.

Do you need assistance setting up your radio station, antennas, packet stations, computer interface, power polls, cables and coax. As a group we can help. We may not be expert but we can offer a solution.

Check our website regularly to stay up to date in upcoming events.

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The check-ins at our weekly Niagara ARES Net have had a very low attendance. How do we increase the general interest to improve participation? Do we need to change the time slot or do we need to change the day of the week?

Remember we need to be ready and we need to stay motivated.

Henry VA3OV  
GC, CEC ARES Niagara Region

See you at the meeting, Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. 1900 Hrs.

**Location for this month's meeting: Niagara Regional Headquarters.**

Address: 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way (Formerly 2201 St. David's Rd.)

Campbell West. Room C103.

Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

### Donation of ICOM IC207 Radio - Dave, VE3DVE (SK)

Niagara ARES has received a donation of an ICOM IC207 dual band radio and a power supply from the family of Dave, VE3DVE (SK). For many years Dave led the Niagara ARES group. Shown below is a typical picture of a meeting led by Dave at the Niagara Regional Headquarters. This picture was taken at the Niagara ARES meeting in February 2012. (Dave is seated on the right-hand side of the room).



Dave, VE3DVE (SK)



We take this opportunity to thank Dave Flarity's family for their donation of the ICOM IC207 to our Niagara ARES group.

Just to let you know - this is my last time as Editor/Publisher of the Niagara ARES Newsletter. I have had a lot of pleasure in producing the Newsletter. However, other events have contrived to make it necessary to hand over to someone else. I'm sure that you'll support the next Editor/Publisher with your stories and ideas.

73, Denis VE3KVE



**PROWORDS AND PHRASES**  
**(Section 32 of the ARES Operations Training Manual)**

**ACKNOWLEDGE** - Let me know you have received and understood this message

**AFFIRMATIVE** - Yes, or permission granted, or I agree

**ALL STATIONS** - This message is for all stations

**BREAK** - I hereby indicate the separation between portions of the message

**CONFIRM** - My version is ... is that correct?

**CORRECTION or WRONG** - An error has been made in this transmission (message indicated).  
The correct version is...

**DISREGARD** - Consider this transmission as not sent

**FIGURES** - The following characters are non-numeric characters (letters)

**GO AHEAD** - Proceed with your message

**GROUP** - The following characters are a mix of numbers and letters

**HOW DO YOU READ?** - How do you hear me?

**I SAY AGAIN** - USE "I SAY AGAIN", NOT REPEAT

**I SPELL** - I am going to spell a word/name

**LETTERS** - The following characters are non-numeric characters (letters)

**MAYDAY** - spoken word, repeated three times, for distress communications  
(LIFE IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER!)

**MAYDAY RELAY** - The relaying of a distress call

**MIXED GROUP** - The following characters are a mix of numbers and letters

**MONITOR** - Listen on channel/frequency....

**NEGATIVE** - No or Permission not granted or I do not agree

**OUT** - I am finished and do not expect a reply

**OUT TO YOU** - I am finished talking to you and wish to talk to another station

**OVER** - I am finished and require an answer

**PAN PAN** - The spoken word, repeated three times, for an urgency communication  
(WE HAVE A POSSIBLE EMERGENCY!)

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**ROGER** - I have received your last transmission

**SAY AGAIN** - Send your last transmission. DO NOT USE "REPEAT"!!!

**SAY AGAIN ALL AFTER/BEFORE** - Re-send part of message after or before

**SECURITY** - Spoken word, repeated three times, for safety communications  
(WARNING OF A POSSIBLE DANGER! IE: WIND DIRECTION CHANGE)

**RADIO SILENCE** - The spoken words to impose radio silence to keep frequency clear for emergency traffic or emergency communications

**SIGNAL CHECK** - How do you read me

**STAND BY** - I must pause for a few seconds (maximum of 15 sec.)

**THAT IS CORRECT** - Self explanatory.

**VERIFY** - Check coding, check text with originator and re-send

**WAIT OUT** - I can not receive your message at this time the net may continue (more than 15 sec. delay)

**WORDS TWICE** - Communications are difficult, I am sending or send each word twice