



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. / Website: <http://www.aresniagara.ca>
- Niagara ARES CEC is Henry, VA3OV.
- Contact Henry at: va3ov@bell.net.
- Newsletter prepared by Geddie, VE3CJX.
- To unsubscribe from this newsletter, contact Geddie at ve3cjx@cogeco.ca
- **Niagara ARES Net every Monday 8:00pm VE3RAF**

Contents:

- **Be prepared!**
- Co-operate and Communicate
- Learn about IMS
- Participate as Net Control
- Check Packet BBS for Messages
- Join in the ARES Monday and Wednesday Nets
- Check Our Activity Calendar
- Next Meeting: Mar. 21, 2018

Amateur Radio Active in Niagara

Environment Canada is reminding us that we can expect some extreme weather as the temperature is rising. Snow is melting, ice breaking up, creating ice dams. We can expect serious showers and thunderstorms with associated flooding of low lying areas. Check your sump pumps and drains. Be prepared.

At the February NPARC General meeting a motion was tabled to form a committee to investigate the possibility to bring Niagara ARES and NPARC together. An ad hoc committee held a couple meetings and presented a motion to amend the present NPARC bylaws at the March NPARC general meeting. The watch for these changes in the next NPARC Feedline publication. A vote will be held at the April NPARC general meeting.

This partnership with NPARC will not affect the way Niagara ARES operates in the future. A spirit of cooperation between the two groups should continue. We are all together working toward a common goal, amateur radio in our community. You may contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

At the next meeting on March 21, a person from the Emergency Measures of the Niagara Health Systems will introduce us to the IMS (Incident Management System). This protocol is used by the First Responders in time of emergency. Niagara ARES will need to familiar-

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ize with the program if we need to work (assist) with our clients. You will find additional information when you follow this link:

https://training.emergencymanagementontario.ca/TPOnline/TPOnline.dll/EMO_Public_Course/COURSENO=COUR2011070415145004500149

Eventually we will need to take this **course EMS100**. You may take it on line or follow it with Niagara Health System or the Niagara Region Emergency Measures.

Part of the training, we need to develop net controllers among our team. I will have an example of the Niagara ARES Net preamble available for distribution at our next meeting.

We have made great strides using packet, **Outpost and Winlink Express**. We must continue to practice sending and receiving messages to familiarize ourself with these tools. Check regularly the local **BBS** for Private messages and Bulletin. Also upload messages from the CMS server in Winlink.

I keep asking the same questions “ **what would you like to see in our training exercises to improve our radio communication skills**”. **I have not received any suggestions.**

Come to the next Niagara ARES meeting on **Wednesday March 21st at 1900** at:
Niagara Police Regional Headquarters, Community Room
5700 Valley Way and Stanley Ave.
Niagara Falls

Thanks 73
Henry VA3OV
GC, CEC Niagara ARES

Our 2018 activity calendar is filling quickly:

- April 21/22 Ontario QSO Party HF Contest
- June 23 Ride for Roswell Cycling event along the Niagara Parkway from Buffalo NY / Fort Erie to Niagara Falls returning to Buffalo.
- June 23 / 24 Field Day 2018.
- June 30 Community event in Niagara Falls.
- July 1st Canada Day Parade Niagara Falls.
- July 1st RAC Canada Day HF contest
- July 14 Milton Hamfest