



# 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/>
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- Newsletter prepared by Geddie, VE3CJX.
- To unsubscribe from this newsletter, contact Geddie at [ve3cjx@cogeco.ca](mailto:ve3cjx@cogeco.ca)
- **Niagara ARES Voice Net every Monday 8:00pm VE3RAF & Packet Net on Wednesdays.**

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- **Join in the ARES Monday and Wednesday Nets, etc., Read about Online training, Upcoming ARES Training and events.**
- **When's the Next Meeting?**

**March 20, 2019**

**NRP HQ, Niagara Falls**



## Niagara ARES and Hamilton ARES are now part of the GTA ARES.

These changes in the ARES organizations for Ontario and GTA was announced in the last TCA publication. We are now reporting to SM/SEC for the GTA. Strategically it is to everyone's advantage since we are linked geographically along the shores of Lake Ontario

I will be meeting with the Section Manager, Section Emergency Coordinator, District Emergency Coordinator and various other Emergency Coordinators in the near future to coordinate our operation plan. We will be expected to join the GTA group in the various exercises, Nets, SET, provide assistance in some public service functions and offer support during declared emergencies.

Warmer temperatures are yet to come, but we can feel winter coming at the end and so we are BACK into the TRAINING MODE! Starting March 25, the Monday night ARES **NET will be conducted in an emergency mode**. This means: **Your Base Station will have to operate on emergency power only**. After the NET, a message will be transmitted for everyone to copy on the ICS213R Form. Please bring your message transcript to the next meeting for evaluation.

On March 20th, our meeting will start at 1830. Bring your HT and spare batteries. You will be deployed in groups of two exchanging a couple of voice messages. We will debrief and review the messages at the meeting. It is important to master the tasks of sending and to copy voice messages.

The RAFMARC group has moved the UHF repeater 442.250 MHz (tone is 107.2 Hz) to a new location: the antenna is at a height of 55m on the edge of the escarpment in Foothill. The Call Sign has changed to VA3RFM. It is a public repeater with a great coverage of the entire Niagara Region. At the same location, RAFMARC installed a Digipeater to facilitate packet traffic throughout the Niagara Region. The main purpose of these changes is to allow transmission of digital messages in Winlink (WL2K) to the Gateway in St. Catharines and Winlink P2P traffic throughout the Niagara Region. The Frequency is 145.060 MHz.

I have obtained ARES Power Point Training material that has already been successfully presented to other ARES groups. I am looking for a venue with access during a weekend, preferably 2 Saturdays. It is clear, this coming year will demand some effort from everyone to complete our objectives. So in this end please consult our website: <http://aresniagara.ca> for any and all updated information.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019 at 1830 at NRP HQ at 5700 Valley way, Niagara Falls, ON.

Look forward to seeing you there.

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## The CNPOTA is in full swing in 2019 and Keep Informed!

Go out and make some HF contacts with or from a **Canadian National Park On the Air** (and Historic sites). Check the following link <https://cnpota.ca> for more details and rules.

Sometime in May or June we will run another **SET exercise possibly with the GTA Group**. HF communications link (Winmore) with Ottawa region is part of the plan. We need to test our capability to communicate outside of the region.

A **two day ARES training course is in a planning stage**. It will run on two consecutive Saturdays, about 6 hours long each. Venue and date will be announced as soon as possible. Course material will be a power point presentation, we will use the RAC manual as reference if need be.

### Up Coming Events Calendar:

- Ride for Roswell June 22
- Field Day June 22- 23
- Canada Day Parade July 1st
- Canal Days August 2 to 5.
- Fort George August 24-25 ??
- Terry Fox Run September 15
- CIBC Run for the Cure September 29
- Run for a Mile October 14
- Niagara Falls Santa Claus Parade TBA.

### Online Emergency Service Training Available from Provincial Government

Online Course Code	Name	Length	Delivery Method
EM 125	<a href="#"><u>Exercise Programs: An Introduction</u></a>	4 hours	Online
EM 131	<a href="#"><u>Accessible Customer Service for Emergency Responders</u></a>	4 hours	Online
IMS 100	<a href="#"><u>Introduction to Incident Management System</u></a>	4 hours	Online

The new **Spring/Summer St. Catharines Leisure Guide** is available at most community centres. If you refer to page 58, you will see recommendations for a **homeowners' "Go-Kit"**. ARES members should ensure their radio equipment is ready by having a routine for charging batteries and becoming familiar with your fellow ARES members and their talents. **You know the drill**. Hand held or packet or what ever you have should not be a barrier to your communicating with each other effectively. Surely not everyone will be available so we need to make sure that competent leadership is within us all to serve our local needs and agencies. Served agencies are requesting ARES members have **take advantage to on-line training** so to be familiar with their system of community response during a "call out".