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Website <http://hamvention.org/emcomm/>

04/14/2018 | Cuyahoga Falls ARC's 64th Annual Hamfest

Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest.php?festnow=2018>



04/21/2018 | Portsmouth Radio Club Hamfest

Location: Portsmouth, OH
Sponsor: Portsmouth Radio Club
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/portsmouthradioclub/>

04/28/2018 | 2018 JCARC Hamfest

Location: Jackson, OH
Sponsor: Jackson County Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.jacksoncountyarcc.org>

04/29/2018 | Athens Hamfest

Location: Athens, OH
Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://www.ac-ara.org/>

Find all the Ohio Hamfests in one location? Go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/hamfests.html>

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Ohio ARES Changing Training from Tiers to Levels

Hey Gang,

Stan and I want to announce to all of you that the Ohio Section has changed over our training from a “Tier” system to a “Level” system, and we’ve added a NEW level as well. This is being done in preparation for the sweeping changes coming in the near future coming from ARRL Headquarters. We wanted our systems to be ready for the changes BEFORE they were mandated. Our NIMS Database has already been modified a bit so that you can now see some of the additional training that has been obtained.

So, here’s how the new system will work...

A lot of us worked very hard to obtain our 4 basic NIMS courses over these past years. This training has exceeded the requirements of the ARRL national program for many years, but has since been recognized as just being the start of your training process for ARES.

***Those of you who are already in our system as a Tier I
will automatically advance into Level 2 of this new system***

* **Level 1** - (Our former **Tier II**) This is our "Entry" Level. Some may not want to advance beyond this level and that's OK. **Level 1** persons are those who have not completed the 4 basic NIMS (ICS) courses (IS-100, 200, 700 & 800)

* Don't let this detour you from continuing on however. Most of us will get to the next level if we just have some patience and help each other.

* If you elect not to get any of this training there are activities that you still be able to participate in (parades, races and similar events.)

* **Level 2** - (Our former **Tier I**) This is where we hope that everyone will eventually land.

* This means that you have completed all of the above courses, and you are competent operating within the Incident Command Structure. It also means that you will be eligible to sign up for the Ohio Responds, the state liability insurance

* **Level 3** - This is our **NEW** Management Level. This level will require you to have completed all of the previous requirements in Level 2, plus the additional NIMS (ICS) courses (IS-300 & 400). This is mostly for management. E.C.'s, D.E.C.'s and higher.

* The extra courses IS 300/400 are the structure for managing within the EMA office or at an incident scene and they are not everyone's cup of tea.

* We do recognize that IS-300/400 requires multiple days of actual classroom training that is not easily obtained. Some latitude will be given on when this portion will be fully implemented as a requirement.

Skywarn training is not mandatory, but is highly recommended for all levels.

Our objective is to do our best to make sure that you will always exceed the expectations.

We want no one left behind!



Murphy's Volunteer Fire-brigade Laws

- If you can't understand it, it is intuitively obvious.



- The more cordial the buyer's secretary, the greater the odds that the competition already has the order.
- In designing any type of construction, no overall dimension can be totaled correctly after 4:30 p.m. on Friday. The correct total will become self-evident at 8:15 a.m. on Monday.