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THE AMATEUR CODE

As we begin a new year, what does being an amateur radio operator mean to you? Here is food for thought, how many practice it?

The Radio Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is

CONSIDERATE...He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his/[her] country, through which Amateur Radio in his/[her] country is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/[Her] operating practice is above reproach.

FRIENDLY...He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

- adapted from the original Amateur's Code, written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928

With that said, it is with great appreciation to all that step up to the plate and are willing to assist, hold a League appointment, hold an office in your local club, become an Elmer to a new Ham or be an NCS.
 Thanks !

Summary: Government Shutdown Impacts Amateur Radio License Applications

According to the FCC public notice statement: Aside from a few emergency and auction filing systems, all other Commission electronic filing systems will be unavailable to the public until normal agency operations resume.

Therefore, the FCC is not processing any Amateur license applications during the shutdown which includes individual, club, and exam session (new and upgrade) applications.

The FCC CORES registration system is one of the few systems that remains available to the public and is not affected by the shutdown. Applicants can still register in CORES and be assigned an FCC Registration Number (FRN). <https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do>

Additionally, information included in the FCC public notice outlined how licenses that will expire while the FCC is closed will be handled. If a license has just expired or is about to expire, the ham can file the renewal application and continue to operate while the FCC is closed. The filed application will remain in limbo until the FCC is back to work. If the Amateur waits until the FCC reopens, then they will have two days to submit the renewal before their license is considered expired in the FCC database.

The FCC public notice did not specifically address licenses that had expired and were near the end of the 2-year grace period other than to state, "We are not automatically extending the deadlines, but we will consider whether it is appropriate to do so once normal operations resume."

Web News Story: Amateur Radio Applications in Limbo as Partial Shutdown Continues

The FCC is not processing any Amateur Radio applications as the partial government shutdown approaches its fourth week. The FCC suspended "most operations" at mid-day on Thursday, January 3, although an appearance of activity continues. For radio amateurs, the shutdown means that, while the Universal Licensing System ([ULS](#)) continues to accept applications for all valid purposes, the FCC will not review or act upon them until the funding stalemate is resolved. This includes Volunteer Examiner Coordinator test session batch files as well as modification, renewal, and vanity call sign applications filed by individual licensees. Amateur Radio newcomers who have passed the required examinations will have to wait until the shutdown concludes to receive a call sign and authorization to operate. License upgrades are also on hold.

"Due to a lapse in funding, the operations of the Federal Communications Commission will be limited with no system support. We regret any inconvenience," the FCC says on the ULS home page. This means very limited human intervention while the shutdown continues, and if a system breaks down, it will not be repaired until after employees are back on the payroll. At this point, 262 of 1,437 FCC employees (excepting contractors) remain on the job, as are FCC Commissioners.

The [Antideficiency Act](#) prohibits FCC and other federal employees from working until funds are available to pay them; they may not even volunteer, check their email, or attend meetings. While the law doesn't directly affect FCC automated filing databases, some of these cannot operate without regular human intervention.

The Commission has emphasized that it will undertake any activities necessary for the protection of life and property during the funding lapse. That includes the High Frequency Direction Finding (HFDF) Center in Maryland, considered essential.

The FCC website remains up, and the FCC *Daily Digest* of its activity continues to be posted, but the website is not being updated, and the only items it contains are those related to spectrum auctions, activity that is funded through auction proceeds, not government funds. The Electronic Comment Filing System ([ECFS](#)) will also accept posts, but filings will not be reviewed or processed until after normal operations return.

The FCC spelled out the overall impact of the funding lapse in a January 2 [Public Notice](#). Using available funds, the agency was able to maintain a business-as-usual posture until that date.

The FCC released an updated [Plan for Orderly Shutdown Due to Lapse of Congressional Appropriations](#) on January 9. The resumption of normal operations will also be announced on the FCC's website.

CLUB OF THE MONTH
WILDERNESS ROAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
DANVILLE, KY
BY GEORGE COOMER KM4QOY

The Wilderness Road Amateur Radio Club was formed on December 29, 1960 a meeting was held at the Naval Reserve Electronics Facility on Beatty Ave in Danville, KY for the purpose of determining a need for a “Ham Club” for Danville and surrounding counties. From the 17 original members our club has now grown to around 38 members. During the clubs existence we have met at various locations from the Boyle County Courthouse, the Boyle County Red Cross Building, and currently at the American Legion Post #46 after losing our home at the Red Cross. Our clubs association with the American legion has been mutually beneficial to both organizations as it fulfills one of the Legions initiatives to promote amateur radio and emergency communications, this association has increased local legion membership and our club roster is actually increasing at a steady pace.

WRARC is fortunate to have Ray Whitehouse (KY4RW) as a member, Ray is passionate about expanding the D-Star network in KY and along with his father Ken (N4JLT) own and host the KM4OON Repeater and Reflector 56. (444.2375 +5.0 MHz).

The Kentucky D-Star net is held each Thursday at 7:00 PM on Reflector 56B. WRARC hosts a weekly 2M net each Wednesday at 8:00pm local time on the Danville Repeater (145.310 with -offset and PL Code 100) and also hosts the American Legion Amateur Radio Club monthly D-Star net on the First Monday of each month at 8:00 EST on Reflector 56C. The Wilderness Road Amateur Radio Club meets on the 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM of each month at American Legion Post 46, 45 Spears Ln, Danville, KY 40422. For more club information, please visit our website at www.wrarc.com.



American Legion,
meeting location
for the Wilderness
Trail ARC



Club radio station along
with George Coomer
KM4QOY (left) and Ken
Douglas KY4KD (right).

USING MORSE CODE

When police didn't get an answer late last month at a Pocono Summit home where they had been told a pregnant teen was being held against her will, they saw a flashing light at the rear of the home and quickly identified it as a Morse code signal for help.

Pocono Mountain Regional police went to the source of the flashing "S-O-S" signal, finding a girl who told them her older brother, Richie Ortiz Jr, 20, was holding the a 19-year-old at knifepoint and was threatening to kill her and her unborn child, police said. The girl also told police that her brother was refusing to allow police inside, police said.

Police were initially dispatched to conduct a welfare check at 11:23 p.m. Dec. 30 to a home in the 5200 block of Holiday Drive, after they got called by a woman in New Jersey who said her friend texted her that she was being held against her will inside the home.

When police arrived, Ortiz refused to answer the door and he began turning off the lights inside the home, police said. After police spoke to Ortiz's younger sister, they established a perimeter around the home.

Police began getting people out of the home and were able to find the pregnant teen and get her safely away.

Police found Ortiz hiding in the attic. Police did not give the relationship of Ortiz and the victim.

Ortiz was charged with terroristic threats, unlawful restraint, simple assault and harassment. He was arraigned by District Judge Kristina Anzini and was sent to Monroe County Correctional Facility under \$100,000 bail.

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<https://www.mcall.com/about/mc-bio-staff-manuel-gamiz-staff.html#nt=byline>

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FROM - AMATEUR RADIO NEWS LINE

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BY Kevin Trotman N5PRE

ARRL'S NEW CEO ADDRESSES HAM RADIO UNIVERSITY

PAUL: We begin this week at Ham Radio University in New York where the ARRL's new chief recently addressed hundreds of attendees in anticipation of the league's first board meeting of 2019. Kevin Trotman N5PRE has that story.

KEVIN: Just days before the scheduled board meeting of the ARRL on Jan. 18, the league's new CEO Howard Michel (pronounced MICKLE) WB2-EYE-TX declared he has a three-year timeline for making changes at the nonprofit membership organization which has a changing and shrinking population. Michel was delivering the keynote address on January 5th at the Ham Radio University in Brookville, New York, which drew 400 or more to the ARRL's NYC/Long Island Section convention, a daylong event that also featured forums and workshops. Although Michel offered no specifics in his talk, he said one of his goals is to find a better way for staff and volunteers to partner together within the \$15 million organization and better position it for the future. The former president and CEO of the IEEE (EYE Triple E) told the group: [quote] "I don't want to sink this ship while changing its course."

WHERE IS ARES CONNECT?

For ARES members and staff in ARES KY I am sure you are wondering what is going on in reference to ARES Connect. If you tune into this month's conference calls with KYSEC Ron Goodpaster AG4TY you will get a better understanding of where we are, including training requirements and winter preparedness.

This month's conference calls will be:

January 15th 7:30 PM Eastern
January 17th 7:30 PM Eastern
January 21st 4:00 PM Eastern

If you are in current staff leadership position, you should have received procedures regarding the process of joining the conference calls.

For those that would like a condensed version, we are waiting until the ARRL board meets this coming weekend in Newington to approve and or make changes to the current roll out of ARES Connect. Yes, we know there are problems and they have been sent to GL Director Dale Williams WA8EFK to address with League staff and current board members. More to follow, per Director Williams.

Director Williams and Vice Director Delaney will be in attendance at the Cave City Hamfest March 2nd.



**HELP WANTED!
KENTUCKY
AFFILIATED CLUB COORDINATOR**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Or, Now hear this!

This Section News has repeatedly requested someone to step up and assist ARRL Kentucky in the position as Affiliated Club Coordinator for Kentucky. The job description has been posted in previous issues and a link to that information can be found here: [affiliated club coordinator](#). Surely there is one League member in Kentucky that would like to take this challenge on, what say you?

DECEMBER 2018 ARES REPORTS

JURISDICTION	CALLSIGN	TMH	COMMENTS
CALLOWAY CO	K4CHW	426	The Calloway County report for December included (5) weekly 2 meter nets, plus parade communication for the Murray Rotary Club Christmas parade. We greatly appreciate the 15 operators who gave their time to assist with the event, and thank Bill Call, KJ4W for acting as NCS for the event. Happy 2019 to all! 73
TRIGG CO	KJ4TKL	2	No specific net activity in ARES for December 2018. I do have have praise that may need a follow-up. On December 31 2018 a fast moving storm moved through the state. A friend had a tree blocking her driveway. While enroute to remove to tree ,on the fusion net work W4IOD

			<p>Otis Carroll Jr.on Stamping Ground was passing information to central and east Kentucky from the National Weather Service and other sources.This could be the beginning of a state wide weather net in some form.Food to consider. Thanks James C Flood KJ4TKL</p>
BUTLER CO	KN4MAA	6	<p>Assisted on WiresX and the local Morgantown/Bowling Green Repeaters for severe weather on 31 December 2018. Relayed severe weather reports, warnings and advisories for the weather outbreak. No one was on the KY emergency HF net or the KY phone net to relay traffic. W4OID (Otis) was instrumental in getting warnings out on the digital side and I took care of the DMR/Analog side here in Morgantown. The KY Emergency Net really needs to stand up when that type of weather threatens the state.</p>
SIMPSON CO	KE4SZK	9	<p>Ke4szk 2 meter repeater now has emergency power back up.</p>
WARREN CO	KK4AVI	4	<p>HEART Group activities</p>
HENRY CO	NG00	90	<p>Holidays slow down Did not have nets last 2 Mondays of December.Hope everyone had a good Christmas and a safe New Years.</p>
HARDIN CO	K8MYN	93	<p>Holidays slow down</p>

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SHELBY CO	NG00	122.5	With holidays only had one club meeting but had good net turn outs. Had our usual 3 nets on third Wednesday of month. Looking forward to clubs growth in 2019.
JESSAMINE CO	K1EKU	8	Working on mutual aid agreements with Fayette County, obtaining IDs for JESS ARES Personnel and training for 2019.
WOODFORD CO	KC4WZO	26	Woodford County ARES provided communications and staff to line up the Versailles Christmas Parade on December 1st.
CAMPBELL CO	KE4KCZ	8	Starting KEN on DMR TG 31211 Working on new ideas to communicate during KEN.
BOYD CO	KY4TYS	8	In person meeting held Dec 14th, discussed entering Mutual Aid with Greenup County, combining some volunteer assets due to members living close to the other county. Set a Net Schedule to meet on Sundays at 8:30 PM with a varying repeater based on the weekend, some nets may be Simplex, and 5th Sunday will be a Drill/Training net on a repeater to be announced. ARES members have also

			been encouraged to Join the Boyd County EM Office as a volunteer, enabling them to access numerous training opportunities throughout the year.
GREENUP CO	KG4EAB	30	no emergency activity to report but have some repeaters donated to group getting ready to get them up and running possibly a dmr repeater and a 2m and possibly a 70cm repeater
KNOX CO	KM4VHI	11.5	Served as NCS for SKYWARN net on 12/9 and ARES D9 net on 12/13. Coordinated with KB9LXH in scheduling an Advanced SKYWARN Storm Spotter class for January 31. Attended final SEKYARC meeting and coordinated Amateur Radio Licensing exam for 12/8.
MADISON CO	KO4OL	96	This report includes the Wilderness Trail Emergency Net (WTEN) which meets on 146.715 at 2030 edt on Wednesdays and also serves Madison County. Reorganizing the EOC ARES/RACES room to accomodate additional EMA staff and this will reduce the number of IC-7100's from 3 to 2. This should be no problem as there would not likely be more than 3 operators in the ARES/RACES room at once.
PULASKI CO	AC4DM	29	4- Amateur radio breakfast meetings. 2- Repeater Workdays. 1-

			Radio Club meeting and Christmas dinner.
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PSHR REPORT

CALLSIGN TOTAL

KO4OL	110
W4NHO	92
WB4ZDU	33

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

ORLANDO HAMCATION FEB 8-10 [ORLANDO HAMCATION](#)

CAVE CITY HAMFEST MAR 2 [CAVE CITY HAMFEST](#)