

# TO APPLY TO YARS

YARS is an acronym for York ARES RACES SKYWARN.

In York County **ARES and RACES/ACS** are combined in one organization. That is not true in all counties. We have a general membership headed by: **Dave Gent**, N3DLG, the ACS Officer/ Emergency Coordinator (ACSO/EC) for York County. His Phone: is: 717-891-1555 and his Email is: Dgent37@hotmail.com

We meet once a month on the 3rd Wednesday at the OES/OEM facility at 120 Davies Dr., York.

After you get your ID and become active in YARS there are several EmComm type of courses that we ask you to take. These courses are all available on-line. You will find those requirements in the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) that will be provided to you.

ACS/RACES is the emergency communications service that supports the government agencies. We are directed by York County Emergency Management.

Red Cross Shelters and local hospitals may request amateur operator support via York EMA.

ARES is the ARRL's emergency communications service. In the absence of a RACES group, they can support government agencies. But for York County, ARES covers support for the non-government agencies, which may include the Red Cross, Salvation army, etc.

ARES is also the group that supports public service communications. We work at walks at John Rudy Park (MS & March of Dimes), A full and half marathon on the York Heritage Rail Trail, a up to 50 kilometer run/walk in the Michaux State Forest around Pine Grove Furnace State Park and another long event along the Susquehanna River, as well as a few other events. We are active throughout the entire year.

Skywarn is the service where we can provide weather updates to the National Weather Service.

## YORK COUNTY REGISTRATION: for Emergency Communications in YARS

In order to register to work as a Volunteer with the York County Office of Emergency Management. A background check is required

1. Applicants must undergo a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record check (no cost). This is a Criminal Record check only, not a financial check. Minimum age for this application is 21. To request a background check via PATCH use the following link: <https://epatch.pa.gov/home>
2. and click on the NEW VOLUNTEER RECORD CHECK for Volunteers.
  - Enter these responses. **For agency: use York County Office of Emergency Management, 120 Davies Dr. York, PA 17402. Telephone: 717-840-2990.**
  - Reason for Request is for **"AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATORS (YARS)"** Note: It only takes a few minutes to request the background check. When you submit the request, you will get an email confirmation. A minute or 2 later, you will get a 2nd email of request completed.
  - Use the link and the Control Number from that email to get the results. Save and print the results. A notarized copy is not required.

Mail or email the YARS application and Background Check results to: **Dave Gent**, (see top of page), with a copy or email as well to Miles Wicker (W3ICK) 1693 Westminster Rd, Hanover, Pa 17331

Miles' email is : w3ick.radio@gmail.com.



**YORK ARES RACES SKYWARN (YARS)  
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

**Duly Enrolled # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Volunteer Application**

Todays date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

OPERATOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALLSIGN \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_, CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DIRICT \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON TO CONTACT IF YOU ARE INJURED \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle either Yes or No**

ARE YOU TWENTY-ONE OR OLDER? **YES NO** IF NO, HOW OLD? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A REGISTERED MEMBER OF ARES/RACES? **YES NO**

ARE YOU WILLING TO HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK? **YES NO** (State Police, not financial)

ARE YOU CERTIFIED IN FIRST AID/CPR/AED? **YES NO**

HAVE YOU WORKED ANY PRIOR DRILLS OR EVENTS? **YES NO**

HAVE YOU COMPLETED AN EMCOMM COURSE? SUCH AS ARRL, EC-001, EC-016, KENTUCK KYHAM ? **YES NO**

COURSES \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE DHS AUXCOMM COURSE? **YES NO**

HAVE YOU COMPLETED FEMA? **IS-100 YES/ NO, IS-200 YES/ NO, IS-700 YES/ NO, IS-800 YES/ NO**

DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL TRAINING? I.E. SAR, DISASTER ASSESSMENT, SKYWARN **YES NO**

IF YES, LIST TRAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TO OPERATE DIGITAL ( NBEMS, WINLINK, SLOW SCAN SOFTWARE)? **YES NO**

DO YOU HAVE MOBILE/PORTABLE VOICE EQUIPMENT? **YES NO** IF YES, BANDS AND MODES \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE 2 METER HT? **YES NO** NUMBER OF HT's \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A DUAL BAND VHF/UHF OR DMR HT? **YES NO** NUMBER OF HT's \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE PORTABLE ANTENNAS ? **YES NO** BANDS \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE BATTERY POWER? **YES NO** DEEP CYCLE FOR 24-48 HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A PORTABLE GENERATOR? **YES NO** OUTPUT WATTAGE? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A "TAKE AWAY / JUMP KIT"? **YES NO**

ARE YOU WILLING TO TRAVEL WITHIN 50 MILES? **YES NO**

DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN TRANSPOTATION ? **YES NO**

WILL YOU WORK AN 8 HOUR SHIFT? **YES NO**

WILL YOU WORK MULTIPLE 8 HOUR SHIFTS? **YES NO**