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 the ACS Officer/Emergency Coordinator (ACSO/EC) for York County, Anne Zarlenga, KB3ZLJ.
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 courses that we ask you to take. These courses are all available on-line.   You will find those requirements in the 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 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), marathon on the York Heritage Rail Trail, hikes in Michaux Forest and along the Susquehanna River, and a few other events.

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

YORK COUNTY REGISTRATION: for Emergency Communications
We are asking everyone to register with York County Office of Emergency Management. That requires a background check.

> 1.   Applicants must undergo a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record check (no cost). This is Criminal Record only, not a financial check. Minimum age for this application is 21.   To request a background check via PATCH using the following link:

> https://epatch.state.pa.us

> and click on the NEW RECORD CHECK for Volunteers.

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 get the background. 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.

> 2. Send the YARS application and Background Check results to:

> Anne Zarlenga, KB3ZLJ
> 2639 Tamela Ave
> Dover, PA 17315

ARES REGISTRATION: both Emergency Communications & Public Service
> ARRL ARES uses an online system to register members and manage hours.
New Members need to sign-up online at
> vhub.at/aresconnect-epa

That is the landing page for our ARES Section (Eastern PA).   Click on "Create Account".
Complete user name/password, afflications , and ARES registration form. Then Submit.
Anne as the local EC will then approve you to our group.