

Are you ready to deploy?

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General readiness

Are your family and neighbors OK? Help them first

Are you familiar with radio procedures?

Are you familiar with your radio equipment?

Can you take a 12 hour assignment?

Do you keep you vehicle's gas tank half full?

Do you have extra cash?

Are your radios programmed with the ARES frequencies?

Is your "Go Kit" ready?

Be flexible

Basic equipment

2-meter hand-held

2-meter mag-mount antenna with proper adapters

Earphone/hand mike

12 volt car adapter

Extra batteries

Log book and writing equipment

ARES ID card

Specific assignment

Do you understand the assignment?

Are you physically/mentally fit for the assignment?

Listen to the radio traffic before the assignment.

Be perpetrated for hours of boredom and minutes of panic.

Have the proper clothing.

Have food and water for duration of shift.

Specific assignment 2

Have the requested equipment

Know how to get to the assignment.

Make sure there is a relief at the end of your shift.

Provide the resource net any changes in the requirements/equipment for the position.

Program frequencies into your radio before you go.

Know who to report to (agency representative).

Do you have a filled out a Deployment and Assignment Form?