



TCARES INCENTIVE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

PERFORMANCE BASED SKILL LEVELS

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CERTIFIED



NAME:	CALL:	TEL:	EMAIL:
ADDRESS:			

Minimum Requirement	Completion Information
1. Check into six (6) TCARES nets	
2. Participate in one (1) emergency operation or ARES drill	
3. Attend three (3) ARES Monthly Training Meetings	
4. Compose and send two (2) formal ARRL Radiograms by voice.	
5. Attend a Skywarn class	
6. Serve on a TCARES Committee (OR) complete a special project approved by the Emergency Coordinator	
7. Complete FEMA ICS-100 and ICS-200 Courses (Online)	



ADVANCED



- **Satisfy CERTIFIED requirements**
- **OPERATIONAL**
 - **NCS for 3 months (digital or voice)**
 - **NCS for emergency operation (drill, weather or actual) or serve as member of a SET planning team**
- **TECHNICAL**
 - **Send/receive ARCHES Winlink Traffic**
 - **Send/receive HF Pactor Winlink Traffic**
 - **Send ARRL Radiogram via HF SSB on a NTS net**
 - **Check into the TCARES Packet Net**
 - **Demonstrate or explain Cross-Band repeating**
 - **Demonstrate the ability to read and convey by radio a GPS position.**



ADVANCED (con't)



- **ORGANIZATION**

- Participate in nets and meetings
- Develop and present 1 training class to TCARES
- Recruit 1 new TCARES member or recruit at 1 HAMFEST or other PR Event

- **EDUCATION**

- Obtain General Class license or higher
- Complete FEMA ICS-700 Course
- Complete TCARES Safety Course



MASTER



- **Qualify as Advanced Communicator**
- **OPERATION**
 - TCARES member for 3 years
 - Serve as a NCS for 1 year (once per month)
 - Participate in 3 emergency operations or public service events.
- **TECHNICAL**
 - Demonstrate full WL2K capable (Packet, Pactor, Telnet)
 - Construct and deploy HF NVIS and VHF antennas
 - Demonstrate extended HF portable operation
 - Serve as a TELPAC/PMBO assistant SYSOP or CTECC operator
 - Demonstrate VOIP (Echo Link, IRLP) capability
 - Demonstrate the ability to navigate to remote location using a hand-held GPS unit.



MASTER (con't)



- **ORGANIZATION**
 - **Serve as an AEC**
 - **Develop and present 3 training classes to TCARES**
 - **Recruit 3 members (1 per year) or recruit at 3 HAMFESTS or public events**
- **EDUCATION**
 - **Obtain the Amateur Extra Class License**
 - **Complete FEMA ICS-800 Course**



Administrative Details



- Experienced TCARES members will be “grand-fathered” into an appropriate certification level when they show the required education and license certificates.
- Photo-copies of certificates and NTS message traffic should be sent to the TCARES Education AEC.
- Skills that must be “demonstrated” will be coordinated with TCARES Education AEC or his designated representative.
- FEMA NIMS classes can be found at: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp> all classes are free and can be taken on-line. A course completion certificate is issued by FEMA for each class. (IS-100, 200, 700, 800)
- The TCARES Safety Class will be developed in the near future. For completion now, each applicant will discuss emergency communications safety with the TCARES Education AEC or his designated representative.