



Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Article V: Membership Acknowledgement



I have read the Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LeeCARES) By-laws regarding Article V: Membership.

Article V: Membership describes the requirements for being an active member. And list the differences between an active member and support member.

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the active member eligibility requirements:

- A. Active LeeCARES members shall hold a valid amateur radio operator license.
 - a) Attend at least 5 meetings each calendar year,
 - b) Checking into the scheduled night training net at least 7 times per calendar year,
 - c) Participate in at least one skill-building event and at least one radio communications ARES event within District 7 per year,
 - d) Operating as net control for the training net (or District 7 net) at least once per calendar year,
 - e) Obtaining certificate for FEMA IS 100, 200, 700, and 800 and ARRL EC-001.
 - f) Passing a background check for accreditation as ARES volunteers in Lee County.
- B. Failure to participate in requisite LeeCARES activities, shall result in that member forfeiting active membership status.

And other responsibilities as named in Article V: Membership of the LeeCARES By-laws.

- A. Support members consist of any person holding a valid amateur radio license with restricted privileges as named in the LeeCARES By-laws.

With my signature, the undersigned LeeCARES candidate specifically provides written acknowledgement of LeeCARES Policy.

Signed: _____
(name, FCC call sign, phone, email, date)

Witness: _____
(name, FCC call sign, phone, email, date):



**Lee County Amateur
Radio Emergency Services
(LeeCARES)
Applicant Criminal History Disqualifiers**



Provided below are criminal history disqualifiers that are used by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) when conducting background checks for individuals requesting enrollment in the State of Texas RACES Program. These disqualifiers are also used for LeeCARES applicants.

A copy of this document signed and acknowledged by the applicant is required to be attached to the LeeCARES application when submitted for processing. This document is the same as required by RACES.

When it is determined that an applicant fits into any one of the below listed categories, the applicant **will not** be eligible to serve as a volunteer of LeeCARES. The applicant will be rejected at once for factors including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Conviction for an offense of the grade of felony or Class A misdemeanor.
- b. An entering of an order of deferred adjudication for a felony, until five years after court supervision ceased and the case was dismissed.
- c. A conviction of driving while intoxicated during the five-year period immediately prior to the date of application.
- d. A finding by the court of competent jurisdiction that the applicant was a delinquent child during the five-year period immediately prior to the date of application. If the applicant's record in the proceeding is ordered sealed, the incident should be disregarded and treated as though it did not exist.
- e. The applicant's driver license has been suspended, including a probated suspension, by the Department during the last three years as a habitual violator.
- f. The applicant's driver license has been suspended for refusal to submit to a chemical test within the last ten years.
- g. An entering of an order of deferred adjudication for any criminal offense of the grade of felony or Class A misdemeanor.
- h. An entering of an order of deferred adjudication for any criminal offense of the grade of Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years.
- i. A conviction of an offense of the grade of a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years.
- j. A conviction for a family violence offense.
- k. Currently being under indictment for any criminal offense. Applicant's Signature:

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____



Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Policy, Qualifications, Admission



The Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LeeCARES) establishes the following policy regarding eligibility for, and voluntary participation in and with the LeeCARES.

The LeeCARES will establish preferences and qualifications to determine a candidate's eligibility to participate in ARES. LeeCARES authorization to participate is a privilege and not guaranteed in any manner. Participation eligibility requires ongoing compliance with this LeeCARES Policy. Participation eligibility will be determined annually, and more frequently, as needed. Disqualification of eligibility for and termination of participation is hereby reserved by the LeeCARES Emergency Coordinator. Eligibility and qualification decisions may be appealed in writing at Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Inc., P.O. Box 1414 Giddings, TX 78942.

Eligibility consists of the standards set forth in the Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Services By-Laws, and the State of Texas Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) Applicant Criminal History Disqualifiers. Eligibility for ARES participation requires ongoing compliance with these requirements. Non-compliance may result in disqualification or termination of participation or eligibility.

The LeeCARES Emergency Coordinator may determine eligibility by relying on background investigations performed by authorized organizations, such as commercial entities, City, State, and Federal governments.

The undersigned voluntarily agrees to submit to the criteria set forth herein, authorizes and agrees to cooperate with and allow background investigations, including fingerprint identification, as deemed necessary by LeeCARES. Declining to authorize screening will cause the LeeCARES candidate to be ineligible, and participation may be terminated. Any costs or fees associated with background investigations are incurred at the expense of the LeeCARES candidate.

The confidentiality of any sensitive or confidential information determined in conjunction with any background investigation will be used only for purposes of compliance with these policies, and will be maintained securely and/or timely destroyed in a manner required by the confidentiality laws of the State of Texas.

With my signature, the undersigned LeeCARES candidate specifically agrees to abide by the policies of LeeCARES By-Laws, and the State of Texas Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) Applicant Criminal History Disqualifiers. Any failure to comply with the terms of these policies may result in both ineligibility and termination from LeeCARES participation.

With my signature, the undersigned LeeCARES candidate specifically provides written acknowledgement of LeeCARES Policy.

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