

ARES / RACES:

RACES

As the part of looking at our RACES resources for 2020 I did a quick summary using the information I inherited from PT. Currently we have 11 RACES members, out of those; 3 moved out of the area, one lives in Amador County, one resigned, 3 have unknown status, leaving 3 RACES members for the county. I do not think we can effectively service our County or help with a statewide emergency with only three operators. I will be reaching out to the 3 with unknown status as well as asking CARS, Inc members to consider signing up for RACES. I will also reach out to the other Amateur radio operators in the County as ask for their help as well. Other than a willingness to help, a Calaveras County Employment Application is needed. I have those and will send it to those that are interested in joining RACES.

ARES

It is the season for Ham Crams, Calaveras ARES in conjunction with West Point Fire C.E.R.T is holding one on April 18 in West Point. This Ham Cram is cooperation between Laurel VEC, Calaveras ARES and West Point Fire C.E.R.T. These Ham Crams and VE sessions are vital because of the PGE PSPS being the norm going forward. Using Ham radio is a great way to receive and pass on information during a PSPS. During a PSPS please monitor the N6FRG and/or the W6WPT repeater; this can be the best way to get info. Also please keep your radio go bag ready, as we may be needed to deploy very quickly.

Lastly; the WiRES node in Copperopolis is down, a power outage in the area caused the power supply to fail. Once a replacement power supply was installed, a more critical failure was discovered. The Laptop failed as well. I have passed this information on to Chuck, to see if another laptop can be found to replace the failed one. If someone has a laptop that they are not using and can part with it, please contact me to see if it will meet the requirements for the WiRES node.

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