

SOUTH COUNTY ARES (SCARES)

Amateur Radio Emergency Service for southern San Mateo County



Tips for New Hams

Congratulations on getting your Amateur Radio License!

Here are some suggested steps for getting started:

1. **Get a radio**
2. **Get on the air**
3. **Get more from your radio**
4. **Serve your community — join SCARES!**

Step 1. Get a radio

- Dual band HT (2 meter, 70 cm) capable of 5W output
- Major brands: Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu
- Places to buy:
 - Ham Radio Outlet
510 Lawrence Expressway #102
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
408.736.9496
800.854.6046
www.hamradio.com
 - AES (Amateur Electronic Supply)
800.558.0411
www.aesham.com

Step 2. Get on the air

- Use the SCARES repeater: 444.50+ 100*
- Use simplex frequencies such as 146.52s, 446s
- Check into SCARES Net: Mondays, 7:30 pm
Use UHF 444.50+ 100* or VHF 146.445s 114.8*
- Check into County Net: Tuesdays, 8 pm
146.865– 114.8* or 146.925– 114.8*

* CTCSS tone for encode/decode; also called PL

Step 3. Get more from your radio

- Get a better antenna
- Get better battery, get AA battery pack
- Consider a mobile rig
- Upgrade to General and get on HF

Step 4. Serve your community — join SCARES!

- Unique opportunity to help city and local agencies during times of emergency
- Become a better radio communicator and get training by working with us at local events
- Be a part of a great group of people and have fun!

Want more help?

South County ARES members are more than willing to help fellow hams. Please feel free to contact any member for assistance. Below are some names and contact information to get you started.

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