Grayson County ARES® Alert Levels

Level	Member Actions & Responsibilities
Condition: Green **Inactive**	**Normal Conditions. No known event likely to occur.** No ARES® operations in progress or projected. Normal amateur radio operations. EchoLink in "Conferencing" mode.
Condition: Yellow **Alert**	**Something <u>might</u> happen – tornado, severe thunderstorm, flooding, ice storm, etc.** <u>ARES® members should:</u> • Check their equipment, "Go Kits", and supplies for possible deployment • Stay tuned to the assigned emergency frequencies for further news • Monitor NWS Special Weather Statements and Hazardous Weather Outlooks. <u>Notes:</u> • ARES® members and/or AEC's may receive an e-mail notice of condition. • EchoLink may be moved to non-Conferencing/SKYWARN mode. • No activation timeframe is associated with this level.
Condition: Orange **Stand By**	**Something <u>has</u> happened -- most likely triggered by Severe Thunderstorm Watch or Tornado Watch. There is a <u>high probability</u> of a full ARES activation.** <u>ARES® members should:</u> • Load the car, charge batteries & check equipment – including "Go Kits" • Prepare to deploy to assignments or staging areas for assignment • Monitor NWS station WXK22 (162.475) and W5RVT (147.000) repeater. <u>All Radio Amateurs should:</u> • Limit traffic on the repeater, pause longer between transmissions, listen for deployment instructions • Listen for EchoLink use • If the EchoLink Morse Code (CW) identifier is heard, suspend transmissions (QSO's), ask the EchoLink user to identify ("Is there someone on EchoLink?"), and listen for at least 10 seconds before transmitting. <u>Notes:</u> • EchoLink node WC5GC-R will be in non-Conferencing/SKYWARN mode. Nets are established and will pass information as it becomes available. • E-mails with additional information will probably be sent to all ARES® members. Approximate time frames for activation are associated with this level.
Condition: Red **Deploy**	**This level will usually be triggered by Severe Thunderstorm Warning and/or Tornado Warning or other non-weather emergency situation. Full emergency communications protocols implemented.** • ARES® activation text message will be sent to all ARES® members who have registered for an activation notice. • Nets begin full operation. • All ARES® members who are available for an assignment should check in with net control on W5RVT (147.000) repeater. After checking in with net control, ARES® members will proceed to their assignments or to staging areas for assignment. • Available ARES® members will check into their assigned nets upon arrival at their assignments. **EchoLink node (WC5GC-R) use is reserved exclusively for NWS Ft. Worth or parties designated by the EC.**
Notes: • Backup frequencies will be: W5COP (147.280) repeater, W5RVT (444.750) repeater, 146.52 National Simplex. • Yellow/Orange condition will be broadcast on 147.000 when moving to those levels.	**After the Emergency has terminated:** • ARES members are released by served agencies and the EC. • After all stations are secured and safely home, the EC (or net control) will return the readiness level to Condition Green. • EchoLink node will be returned to "Conferencing" mode. • AEC's and EC will conduct an after action review within 72 hours of event termination. • EC will prepare and submit after action reports to the DEC.