

North Shore ARES Notification #9 - Nor'easter / Ice Storm 12/11-12/12/08

OVERVIEW - Updated

Due to the lack of additional requests for ARES communication support, North Shore ARES will secure its stand-by activation as of 23:00 on Monday, December 22, 2008.

The past 10+ days have been nothing short of tiresome amongst our ranks; with several winter storms and the largest ARES-MAT we have seen in our area since 9/11 (we deployed over 25 people and racked up well over 200 combined support hours). All of our efforts have not gone unnoticed, with numerous officials in the amateur radio community taking note for our job well done. Information has been posted to the web page at www.nsradio.org and we will continue to update with pictures and articles as they become available over the next several weeks. I want to pass along my most sincere thanks on behalf of the North Shore ARES team for everything you have all done to make this activation a tremendous and overwhelming success!

Please take a moment to review the e-mail sent on Friday evening by Mike-KB10HZ regarding after action reports. It is very important to the NSARES Leadership team to receive your feedback in order to improve all aspects of our operation. These long-duration ARES-MAT deployments are rare, and it is critical to build upon the foundation we have laid while our comments are still fresh in our minds. Your reports will set the stage for possible upcoming drills, improvements, training, and much more so please make sure to get us your after action report by the end of this month. Your feedback will be included in our report to the section as well as to the ARRL. Watch for our complete after action report to be issued sometime in early January.

The rest of Eastern Massachusetts ARES remains has secured in conjunction with our operation. Please see ares.ema.arrl.org for further information.

STORM / EVENT INFORMATION - Updated

Additional storms will impact the region over the next several days. These storms are not expected to cause significant issues which would require ARES support. Please monitor forecasts issued by the National Weather Service for further information at www.weather.gov/boston or www.weather.gov/gray.

As a last reminder, if you have any photos of the damage or recovery operation, please forward them to pics@nsradio.org.

CALL TO ACTION - Updated

Please remember to send us your after action report as soon as possible. Refer to the e-mail sent to the NSARES list by Mike-KB10HZ for further information or e-mail us at ares@nsradio.org for more information.

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL COORDINATION MESSAGE ISSUED REGARDING THIS ACTIVATION.

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