

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between**

**Franklin County Amateur Radio Emergency Service  
and  
Little Egypt Amateur Radio Society (LEARS)**



**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this document is to state the terms of a mutual agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) between FCARES, Franklin County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and LEARS, Little Egypt Amateur Radio Society, that will serve as framework within which both organizations may, where mutually beneficial, cooperate in, support or generally provide for the public safety and emergency preparedness of the people of Franklin and surrounding counties of Southern Illinois.

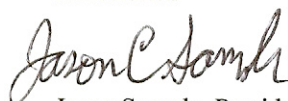
**Recognition**

2. FCARES recognizes LEARS as being the organization that operates and maintains the two meter repeater located near Benton Illinois, which has an output frequency of 146.805 MHz and whose members solely bear the expense of that activity. LEARS recognizes FCARES as a county chapter of ARES® subunit of the American Radio Relay League.

**Principles of Cooperation**

3. (a) The LEARS repeater is widely known and has wide coverage. Its input frequency is 146.205 MHz, and has a PL tone of 88.5 Hz, and has an output frequency of 146.805 MHz.  
  
(b) FCARES is composed of amateur radio operators acting in voluntary service to the public. They will need to conduct periodic, brief drills to measure and refine their ability to communicate throughout Franklin and surrounding Illinois Counties. In times of emergency or disaster, they will be providing emergency communications until such time as those communications are no longer necessary for the public welfare.  
  
(c) LEARS will suspend normal non-essential communications through its repeater during emergencies, although the repeater will still be available to the public for priority or emergency communications. Normal use of the repeater will resume when FCARES declares the emergency period to be finished.  
  
(d) This memorandum shall take effect upon its signing by authorized representatives of each organization. It may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties and will remain in effect until terminated by either party, upon (90) days' advance written notice to the other.

**Signatures**



Jason Sample, President  
LEARS

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Gary D. Richardson, ARES® Coordinator  
FCARES

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