

SEC Bulleting 008 – 5 July 2026

I hope that everyone had a terrific July 4th holiday. First, I want to mention that our next Colorado ARES section wide training is coming up in just a couple of weeks. On Saturday, July 18th, beginning at 09:00 and lasting for two hours, we have our section wide ARES training on Amateur Television or ATV. ATV is a communications capability available to ham radio operators that can be used to enhance the situational awareness of our served agency partners.

ARES district R1D3, Boulder & Broomfield Counties, are experts in Amateur Television and have used ATV for many years to transmit live color pictures with sound to the Boulder County EOC and other served agencies. Join us on Saturday, July 18th to learn more about this fascinating communications capability. Zoom meeting details for the training have been sent to all Colorado ARES Emergency Coordinators.

Lastly, you have likely heard this week about the Aspen Acres Fire in Fremont, Huerfano, and Custer Counties. As of this morning, the fire has burned 87,000 with 13% containment. After a week of extreme fire behavior, yesterday fire crews made some headway in curtailing this monster fire. Almost immediately after this fire began to run, ARES R5D2 was activated by Pueblo County OEM.

After four days of staffing the Pueblo EOC and providing ARES operators for shelters and animal rescue vehicles, R5D2 requested ARES mutual aid from R2D2, El Paso and Teller County ARES. R2D2 provided 5 additional ARES operators for two days, and exemplified what ARES mutual aid is supposed to be. Many compliments have been received by both R5D2 and R2D2's communications support and professionalism.