



APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE, INC.

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16 December 1986

E. Earl Bishop
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Dear Mr. Bishop,

The Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference, Inc. (ASRC) is an all volunteer agency dedicated to saving lives in the outdoors by providing wilderness Search and Rescue (SAR) services across the mid-Atlantic region. Currently, the Conference is divided into five groups: the Blue Ridge Mtn. Rescue Group in Charlottesville; the Shenandoah Mtn. Rescue Group in Washington D.C.; the South West Va. Mtn. Rescue Group in Blacksburg; the Allegheny Mtn. Rescue Group in Pittsburgh; and the Richmond Search and Rescue Group in Richmond.

Usually called out by the Virginia Department of Emergency Services after a request from a local law enforcement agency or state police, the ASRC has participated in 30 incidents in 1986 around the region. The bulk of our mission load involves lost persons or downed aircraft in Virginia.

As the Virginia Emergency Coordinator for ARES, I am writing you concerning a proposed mutual-aid arrangement with ARES. Many HAM radio operators have been involved with the ASRC over the years. This past year, there has been much interest in using HAM radio operators on SAR incidents. In November, the ARES in Augusta and Rockingham Counties provided expert assistance for a search in that area. We have also worked with HAMS and REACT clubs throughout Northern Virginia and especially York, Warren, and Loudoun Counties.

The ASRC has its own communications network operation on highband VHF. Obviously, however, HAMS provide search managers with a valuable resource: highly skilled operators; additional communications equipment; repeater access; and long range communications to name a few.

As I mentioned, we have worked with HAMS before, but no preplan has been followed for their callout on SAR incidents in Virginia involving Va. SAR Council agencies. The ASRC would like to suggest that we formulate such a plan. I have discussed this at length with Doug Edwards (KA4NWK) and Bill Day (N4AOP), an Associate Member of the Conference for almost Two years.

I recently received a copy of the Va. ARES EC list from Doug. This will greatly assist us in contacting the appropriate ARES personnel. Previously it has been difficult to contact someone at odd hours in the many counties we have had missions in. Updated copies of the EC List and a written plan regarding how the ASRC and ARES might interface on incidents, would go make a callout go much smoother. I can envision using properly equipped HAMS as radio operators on field teams, as base communications personnel, and to relay communications back to our dispatch centers and DES when phone lines are not available. These operational details would all need to be worked out.

The ASRC and ARES both provide valuable volunteer services. I believe with the more frequent use of HAMS in SAR, we can greatly help the missing or lost person. In addition, it provides an oppourtunity for your people to do what they do best.

I am planning to make a presentation on the ASRC to both the Augusta/Rockingham and Charlottesville HAM Clubs sometime in the next few months. The ASRC is also planning to involve these clubs on a simulated incident this Spring. I would be happy to arrange a presentation for the Richmond Club too. We would like to learn more about your capabilities and also introduce your members to SAR.

The Virginia Search and Rescue Council is made up of the many of the Volunteer and professional agencies providing SAR resources in Virginia, including the ASRC. The Council, which meets every three months, has asked me to invite you to represent ARES at their next meeting on 31 January 1986 at 1030am at Va. DES in Richmond. For further information on the meeting, please feel free to contact the Chairman, Gary Mechtel, whose phone number and address are inclosed.

I am anxious to hear what you think of this plan. Please contact me if you have any questions. I will be returning to Charlottesville from a vacation the first week in January. Mark Pennington and Ralph Wilfong of Virginia DES and Bill Day are also good sources for information on the Conference. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Wheeler
Board of Directors, ASRC

cc: Doud Edwards
Gary Mechtel



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December 26, 1986

Brian A. Wheeler
Board of Directors
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Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Thank you for your letter of December 16, 1986. I am familiar with your operation and I certainly commend your organization for the outstanding public service you render.

I am sure we can work out an agreement on behalf of The Amateur Radio Emergency Service and your organization whereby we can be of assistance to you when needed. I will be happy to discuss the possibilities with you or a representative of your group.

I have made a note on my calender of your next meeting on January 31, 1987 at 10:30 A.M. at the Virginia Department of Emergency Services and will plan to attend. I will represent the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, (ARES) as well as the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, (RACES). By copy of this letter to Mr. Mechtel, I am informing him of my plans to attend the meeting.

Best wishes to you and yours for a joyous Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

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S.E.C. - Virginia
RACES Emergency Coordinator - Virginia

c: Mr. Gary Mechtel
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AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE IN VIRGINIA

Amateur Radio Emergency Service is a very important part of Amateur Radio. Part 97 of the FCC Rules and Regulations sets forth as the very first principal under "Basis and Purpose" the following: " (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary non-commercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications." Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League and was first organized in 1935.

ARES in Virginia is very active today. Its members are involved in providing radio communications for local and statewide emergencies as well as for local parades, marathons, special events and other public service events. Over the years, ARES members have provided vital radio communications during floods, local searches for lost or missing persons and other emergencies.

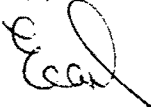
Thanks to the fine cooperation and leadership of all of the appointed ARES officials the present membership is 869. There are 79 official appointees, which include District Emergency Coordinators, Emergency Coordinators and Official Emergency Stations. We have 27 active ARES Nets at the present time and this number is increasing.

In Virginia ARES members are also members of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). In the event of a declared emergency or disaster and at the request of the Department of Emergency Services of the Commonwealth of Virginia, RACES will be activated. At that time ARES members will "switch hats" to RACES and will be under the jurisdiction of RACES. RACES is part of civil defense and is authorized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission.

We need more amateurs participating in ARES in Virginia. One never knows when an emergency or disaster may arise, therefore, we need to be organized and trained for emergency communications on a moments notice.

I wish to thank all appointed ARES officials and members for their fine help and cooperation in 1986 and wish for each a happy, healthy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

73,



E. Earl Bishop, N4EXQ
S.E.C. - VIRGINIA
RACES Coordinator
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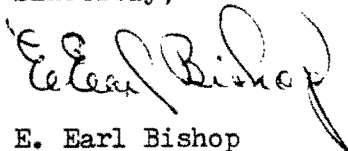
Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of my letter of this date to all ARES/RACES appointees as well as a map listing District Emergency Coordinators and their district and a map listing all appointees in the state.

I appreciate the opportunity to meet with each of you and your group last Saturday, January 31. I can assure you that our personnel will work with your group in any exercise as needed.

I suggest that you contact the District Emergency Coordinator in the area involved if our services are needed. If you are unable to contact the DEC please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



E. Earl Bishop

Enclosures:

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3 February 1987

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Dear Earl,

Enclosed are 20 ASRC brochures for your mailings. Unfortunately, this was the most I could send. If you would like to enclose something in every letter, you might make ordinary copies of the brochure.

Near the end of the Va. SAR Council meeting, I volunteered to act as Chairman of the ARES/HAM Committee. As we discussed with you at the meeting, the objective of the committee will be to present a written pre-plan or memo of understanding describing the involvement of ARES members on Va. SAR Council incidents. To develop such a plan, we will be counting on your help and that of other ARES members.

I would suggest we talk to our respective members over the next few weeks and see what ideas develop. This will also allow for your mailings to be received. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me anytime. I will plan on contacting you in late February to begin working on the document.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Wheeler

cc: Gary Mechtel



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TO: District Emergency Coordinators, Emergency Coordinators and Official
Emergency Station appointees

Enclosed is a state map prepared by David Jones, N4JED, AEC for Roanoke, listing all ARES/RACES appointees as of February 1, 1987. I wish to thank David for this fine map.

Please note George Starke, WB4VWR, has been appointed DEC for the Virginia Capital District, District 6, effective 2/1/87. His address is 14610 Tranor Avenue, Chester, Va. 23831 and his telephone number is (804) 541-0492. Also, please note Geri Sweeney, N4GHI, and John C. Murray, WD4FTK, have recently been appointed Official Emergency Stations. We welcome the new appointees.

Enclosed also, is a copy of the revised VIRGINIA EMERGENCY NET Standard Operating Procedure. You will note VEN/D Net is listed as 146.34/94. As the Richmond 146.34/94 repeater is operating at reduced power we will use the 144.83/145.43 repeater for VEN/D until the 146.34/94 repeater is restored to full operation.

On January 31, I met with the Virginia Search and Rescue Council of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, Inc. This is a volunteer agency dedicated to saving lives in the outdoors by providing wilderness Search and Rescue (SAR) services in the Mid-Atlantic region. They have their own communications network operation on highband VHF but they have requested the assistance of ARES members in providing additional communications as well as outside communications, health and welfare communications and long range communications. I know that some of you have worked with this group on previous exercises.

In the event any of you are contacted by a representative of the above named group I am confident that you will assist when requested. If any of you are requested to work with this group please send me a brief report of your activity.

I appreciate the fine assistance and cooperation of each of you as well as all ARES/RACES members. If I can be of any assistance at any time please let me know.

73,

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c: Claude Feigley, W3ATQ
Section Manager - Virginia

All Virginia NTS Net Managers

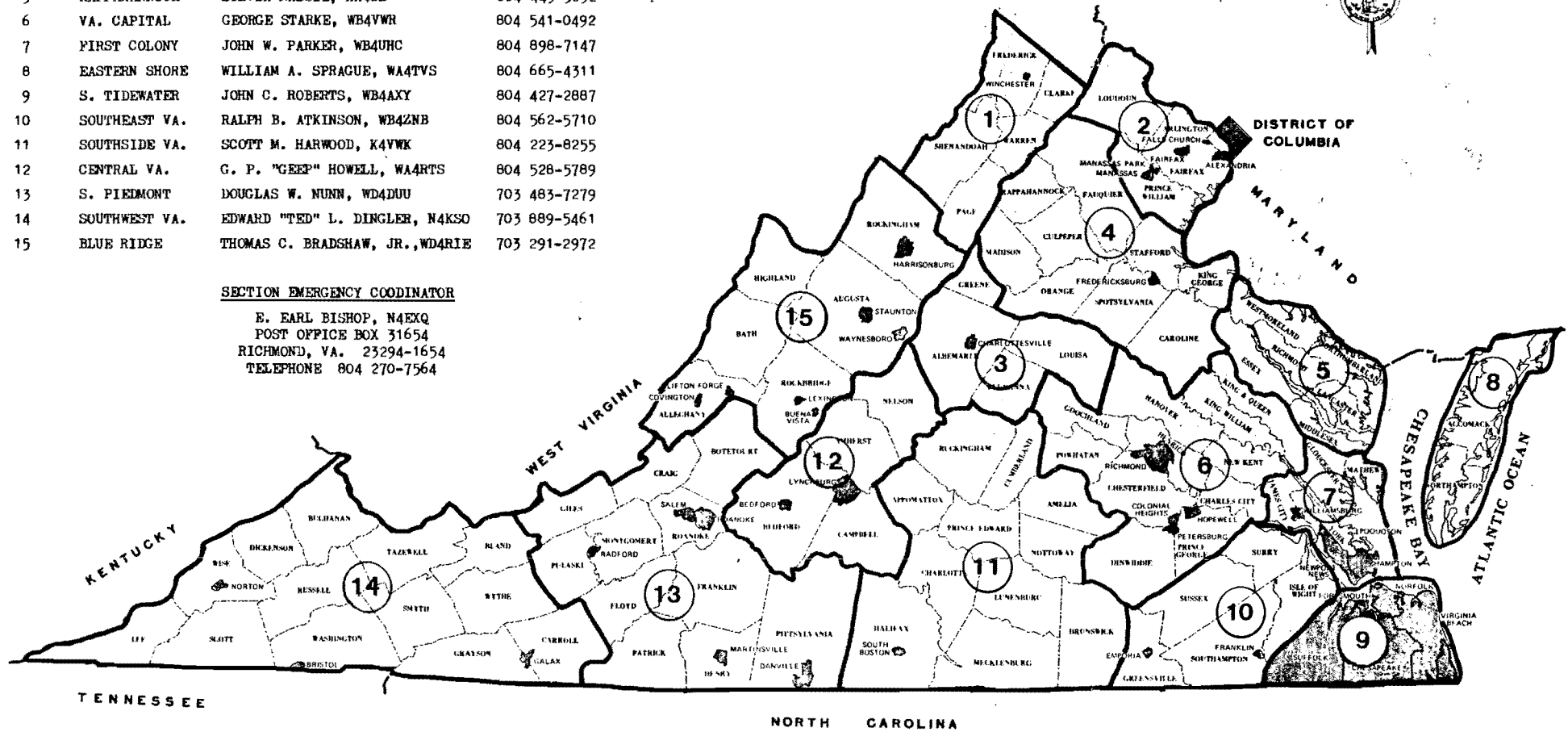
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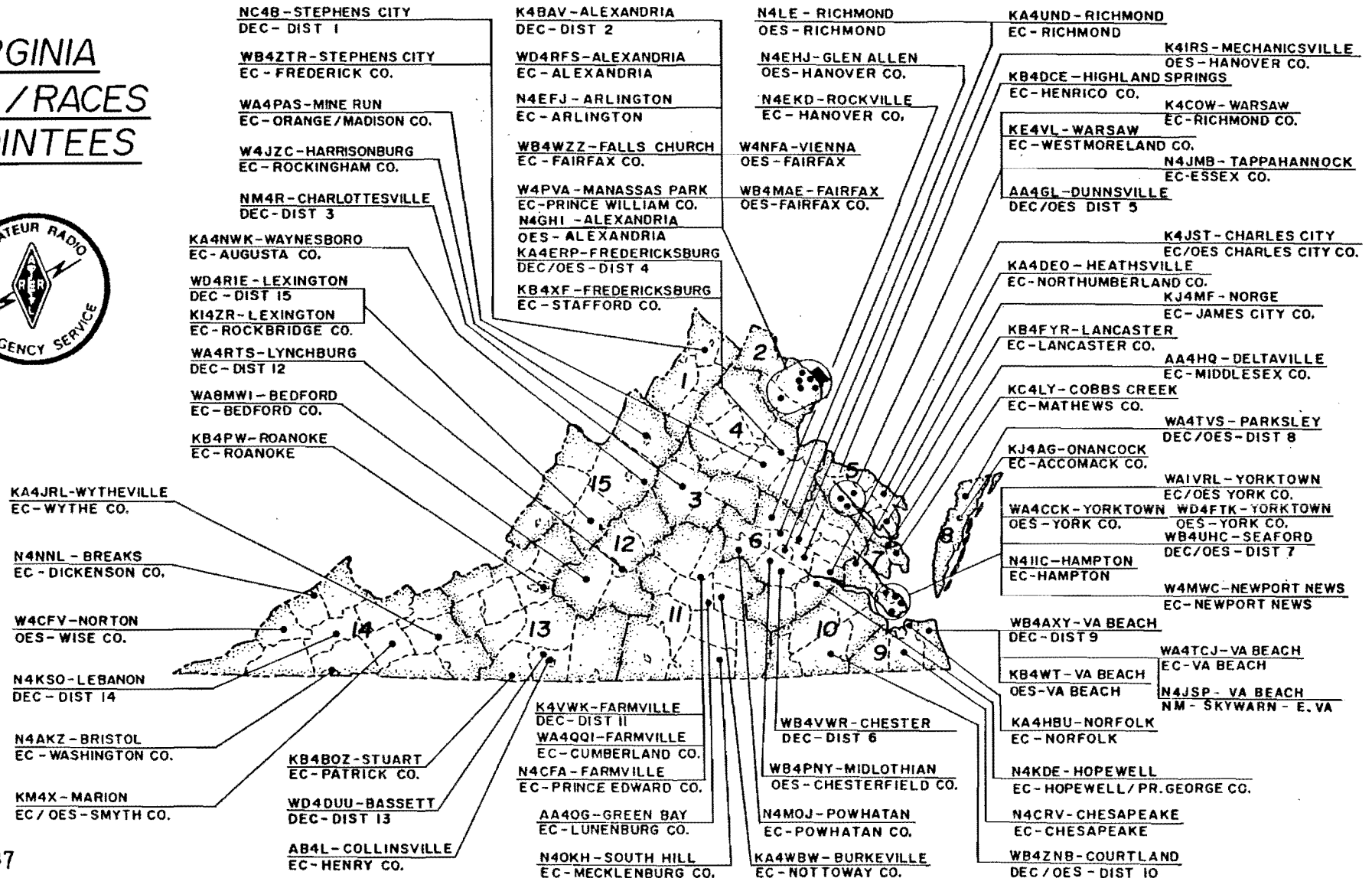


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