

## SECTION 19: STATION MANAGEMENT

This section provides information needed by station managers responsible for setting up, provisioning and configuring an ARES emergency station.

Once you complete this section, you will be able to:

- Consider planning ARES stations
- Plan periodic station maintenance and validation

### STATION PLANNING

When planning station requirements, consider the following questions:

- What equipment is needed in existing facilities?
- what buildings have antennas already erected?
- what locations have radios permanently installed?
- how do we get access to these locations?
- is there a cache of supplies available?
- where is it and how is it accessed?
- what is available?
- does someone periodically check it?
- do you have a personal “ready kit”?
- Does your ready kit enable you to establish an emergency station?

## PERIODIC STATION MAINTENANCE AND VALIDATION

Periodic maintenance and testing of key stations is important. Key stations include:

### Official emergency stations

Official emergency stations (OES) are:

- Personal stations used by designated ECs, AECs, net controllers, and relay operators
- Preinstalled, non-residential stations which will be used by ARES operators during exercises or emergencies.

Official Emergency Stations should be tested monthly if possible, and at least once every three months.

***Note:** Winlink 2000 tactical addresses must be used at least once every 90 days or they are automatically deleted from the WL2K database.*