
AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE

Your Communication Key

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- HAM Radio Operator – KE7CNU
 - Emergency Communications Level 3
 - ECC Support Team Member-
Communications
 - King County ARES Team Leader – KCFD 40
 - KCFD 40 ARSG Team Leader
 - KCFD 40 ARSG Co-Training Officer
 - KCFD 40 CERT Volunteer
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Communications

- Number one goal is to have effective communications in managing your disaster.
 - What happens when the systems you rely on fail.
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Amateur Radio

- In the 3 county region of Snohomish, King and Pierce counties as of 2005 there are over 12500 Amateur radio operators available to give information to local emergency response agencies.
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Resource Coordination

- ARES – Amateur Radio Emergency Service
 - RACES – Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service
 - Volunteer organizations in place to provide emergency radio communications
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Resource Coordination

- These resources have trained volunteers ready to assist local agencies.
 - They train weekly, monthly, quarterly and annually
 - Weekly radio check in nets
 - Team trainings
 - Quarterly EOC to EOC drills
 - Annual SET (Simulated Emergency Test)
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Do you have a team?

- If you currently have an ARES or RACES team, you have a valuable communication tool ready for you in a disaster
 - If you don't, get one and train with them
 - When the disaster strikes and you can't communicate what will you do?
 - Amateur Radio is your answer!
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KING COUNTY ARES/RACES

- Main contact – Kirk Bellar, N7UK
 - Weblink: <http://www.aresofkingcounty.org/index.php>
 - Leadership Organization for 23 teams affiliated with Cities or Fire Districts
 - American Red Cross
 - NOAA
 - Puget Sound Energy
 - Public Health
 - REACT (CB radios)
 - Western Washington Medical Services Team
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Snohomish County ARES/RACES

- Main Contact – ARES Catlin Goss, WB7NJE
 - Weblink: <http://www.snocoares.com/>
 - Main Contact – RACES Tim Lawon, K7TKA
 - Weblink: <http://wa7dem.org/default.aspx>
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Pierce County ARES

- Main Contact – Mark Yordy, W7BBO
 - Divided into six zones covering 36 cities and areas in Pierce County
 - Web link:
<http://www.piercecountyaresraces.org/default.php>
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Questions

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