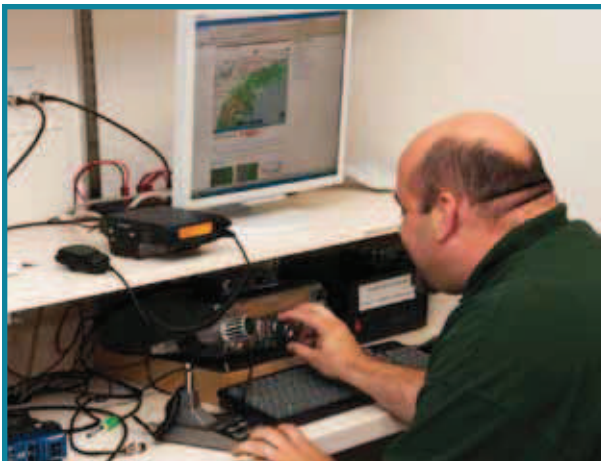


TRG-AUXCOMM: Auxiliary Communications Workshop

Description:

Volunteer emergency communications operators/groups, using amateur radio, have been providing backup communications to public safety for nearly 100 years. Event planners, public safety officials, and emergency managers at all levels of government utilize their services. Often, amateur radio services have been used reliably when other forms of communications have failed or have been disrupted. Today nearly all the States/territories have incorporated some level of participation by amateur radio auxiliary communication operators into their SCIPs.

This workshop is designed for those auxiliary emergency communicators and groups who volunteer to provide backup emergency radio communications support to public safety and emergency response professionals and their agencies. Typically this includes amateur radio and Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams (REACT) communicators but may include other volunteer emergency communicators. The request for and conduct of this offering will be under the auspices of the SWIC.



Pictured above are auxiliary emergency communicators in Georgia, Connecticut, and Tennessee supporting public safety. TRG-AUXCOMM helps public safety agencies integrate new emergency communications volunteers into the NIMS ICS structure.

The course focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, the relationship between the COML and the volunteer, emergency operation center etiquette, on-the-air etiquette, FCC rules and regulations, auxiliary communications training and planning, certification and accreditation, and emergency communications deployment. It is intended to supplement and standardize an operator's experience and knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in a public safety context. Prerequisites are:

- Completion of IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 prior to the workshop
- General class FCC license or above (copy of the license will be requested at the start of the class)
- Past experience in auxiliary emergency communications
- A desire to learn how to work with COMLs in a NIMS/ICS environment

Instructors will review copies of the attendees' prerequisite documentation at the beginning of the workshop. All prerequisites must be met prior to attending this course.

Each workshop is limited to 30 attendees. It is an intensive 20 hour weekend course with facilitated lecture and student exercises. It can be scheduled over a weekend to accommodate attendees' regular work schedules. This course builds in time for interactive discussions and exercises. Because the content is NIMS-compliant, this offering is not modified for local circumstances. The course content includes:

- Introduction
- The Communications Unit and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- AEC Roles and Responsibilities
- Interoperable Communications
- Incident Communication
- Incident Radio Communications Plan
- Incident Communications Center
- Team management and accountability
- Resources
- Intrastate and interstate radio networks
- Final exercise exam

Deliverables:

- Workshop and presentation materials
- Written high-level project plan
- Outline(s) of project plan annexes