

Emergency Communications Team

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About AAECT

The Auburn Area Emergency Communications Team is a group of amateur radio operators in the Auburn area who are Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) qualified and engage in activities to:

- Support the City of Auburn Office of Emergency Management through participation in disaster planning, preparedness, and response activities
- Support the City of Auburn and local Communities through volunteer activities
- Support amateur radio by demonstrating the value of amateur radio
- · Support amateur radio by recruiting new radio operators

Meetings

The Auburn Area Emergency Communications Team typically meets once a month, on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Auburn Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Activities and Events

The Auburn Area Emergency Communications Team participates in community activities and events, such as:

- · Providing radio support for CERT education and CERT drills
- Providing communications support for the Auburn EOC during emergency activations, drills, and exercises

NET Roll Call

The Auburn Area Emergency Communications Team conducts a weekly NET on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm, where Team members and visiting amateur radio operators are invited to check-in and verify their radio equipment condition and settings. The goal of the net is to practice and become comfortable with emergency radio operations and protocols. All area operators are invited to participate. To join in the NET, the following frequencies and settings are needed:

- Repeater Mode: 147.240 MHz, (+) offset, with a sub-audible tone of 123.0 Hz
- Simplex Mode: 147.240 MHz, no offset, with a sub-audible tone of 123.0 Hz

NOTE: The repeater is owned by the Auburn Valley Repeater Group and is located on the west hill of Auburn. The repeater's FCC call-sign is K7SYE and operates with 50 watts of power on the 2 meter, amateur band.

Continuing Education

The Auburn Area Emergency Communications Team strives to keep our radio and emergency preparedness skills up to date. We encourage members to pursue continuing education course offerings and explore new technologies. Courses made available to team members include:

- ARRL Intro to EMCOMM
- ARRL EMCOMM for managers
- National Weather Service SKYWARN Training
- Incident Command System (ICS) Courses
- FEMA resident courses in Emmitsburg, MD
- ACES Basic Certification

Membership Requirements

To become a member of the Auburn Area Emergency Communications Team, the following requirements must be met:

- Must hold an unexpired FCC Amateur Radio License (Tech or higher)
- Must complete a City of Auburn volunteer application
- · Must pass a complete background check
- · Must have an acceptable driving record
- · Must meet attendance and net check-in requirements
- Must complete ICS 100 and IS 700 courses within 6 months of joining
- · Must complete CERT training within 1 year of joining

Contact Information

For more information about the Auburn Area Emergency Communications Team, please contact the City of Auburn, Office of Emergency Management, at:

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