
What can I do?

Donate

Donations of cash and/or equipment is greatly appreciated. CARES is a 501(c)(3) corporation and your donation may be tax deductible.

Participate

Participation and membership in CARES is easy! First, attend a CARES monthly meeting. Then, become a licensed amateur radio operator – there are current members who would be happy to offer support and assistance. Next, participate in community trainings – including trainings offered by FEMA for emergency preparedness and operations. Lastly, maintain equipment and skills to be utilized in a time of emergency or community need.

Educate

Invite CARES members to your church, civic group, club or organization to inform citizens about amateur radio in their community. They may be interested in becoming a CARES member too!

Amateur Radio ... Where do I start?

In the US, there are three levels, or "license classes" granted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These include: Technician class, General class and Extra Class.

Getting started in Amateur Radio has never been easier.

1. Locate a radio club in your area. (CARES offers classes to help you get started!)
2. ARRL produces study guides, fast-paced learning videos, and a new on-line course.
3. There is a testing session at Round Table Pizza on 82nd and King Rd. on the first Sunday of every month at 7pm.



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Clackamas Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Providing highly trained and federally licensed amateur radio operators to serve the community and citizens of Clackamas County in a time of crisis, natural disaster or emergency.

Our Mission

The Clackamas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES) group is organized for the following purposes:

- To provide a trained force of volunteers to assist in emergency communications in the event of a disaster or any other situation wherein ordinary, normal communications may be over taxed or out of service. The members are trained to set up communication facilities where needed, handle message traffic in accordance with established procedures, and to keep logs of messages handled.
- To establish working plans with community agencies such as police and fire departments, public utilities, telecommunications companies, medical facilities, and disaster relief organizations, in coordination with the Clackamas County Emergency Management Officer of the Sheriff's Department.
- To provide a link for message traffic between Clackamas and other counties and with the Oregon State Emergency Communications Center (ECC) in Salem, in the event of emergency situations of a scope involving several counties.
- To maintain up-to-date rosters of available personnel and available equipment.

Many CARES volunteers provide radio support for events in the community, including:

- Portland Marathon
- Hood-to-Coast Relay
- Community Parades
- Community Safety Fairs
- Search and rescue operations
- And much more!

CARES members are also part of sub-units that participate in a variety of events in their local communities.

Sub-units include:

- Canby
- East County
- Gladstone
- Lake Oswego
- Milwaukie
- Molalla
- Oregon City
- Wilsonville

CARES members practice and prepare for all disasters that may affect our community. Additionally, CARES members participate in ongoing trainings and exercises, beyond the basic requirements of the FCC operator's license, in order to be ready for an emergency.

Under-age and less-mobile CARES volunteers can serve from their homes.

Weekly Radio Nets

CARES net – Each Sunday at 7 pm on the 147.12+ MHz repeater frequency

Information about specific CARES sub-unit nets, meetings and other general information are announced during the regular Sunday evening CARES net.

Monthly Meetings

Date: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm
Location: 15990 SE 130th Clackamas, OR
Clackamas County Fire District #1 Training Center

All visitors are welcome

