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Amateur Radio?

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www.ARRL.org

or

www.hello-radio.org

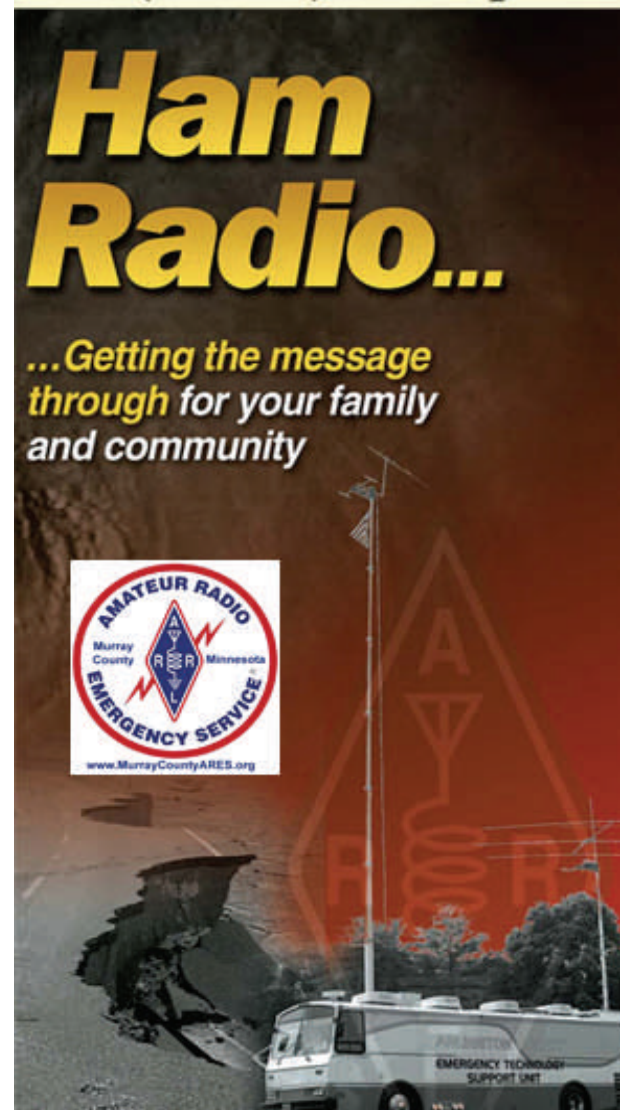


www.Emergency-Radio.org



*For Information on the
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www.MurrayCountyARES.org



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Amateur Radio, often called "ham radio," has consistently been the, most reliable means of communications in emergencies when other systems failed or were overloaded.

Simply Put —Ham Radio Works!

Most of the time, things work fine. But despite the development of very complex systems—or maybe because they ARE so complex—ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications when it really matters.

Why Ham Radio Works So Well.

Telephones, cell phones, Internet, trunk lines, satellite phone—to get a message out they all have to go through many vulnerable choke points and need electric power. Even if the system is functioning, these systems can be overwhelmed by the number of cries for help and families seeking information.

Ham Radio is Different.

While hams MAY use the Internet or a repeater system, they do not HAVE to do so! Hams can “go direct” and talk straight through to each other because each station is fully independent. Hams can operate just fine without other infrastructure. By selecting the right frequencies, hams can talk across town or around the world.

Hurricanes, Ice, Snow, Tornadoes, Storms and SKYWARN

The National Hurricane Center in Florida relies on its ham radio station, WX4NHC, to receive reports from hams in affected areas (www.wx4nhc.org). The National Weather Service uses ham radio operators for their “SKYWARN” program to get ground level reports of events that are missed by Doppler radar.

Ham radio operators by the hundreds volunteered for service to the devastated areas of the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina and her sisters Rita and Wilma pounded a five state area and destroyed other communications systems. For their lifesaving work, the hams received commendations from the President and Congress as well as international praise. It truly proved the saying, “When all else fails, ham radio works!”

Within minutes of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, ham operators communicated from emergency operations centers as other systems failed. The ham operations continued for weeks as the amateurs handled emergency and other important messages for disaster and government agencies as well as for displaced families.

Hams use all sorts of radios and antennas on a wide variety of frequencies to communicate with other hams across town or around the world. They use ham radio for personal enjoyment, for keeping in touch with friends and family, for public service communications and to experiment with radio technology.

In an emergency, when your family’s lives may be at risk, which communication system would YOU want to have?

Answer: Amateur Radio!

Murray County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Group

The ARES group provides emergency Amateur Radio "Ham" communications in times of emergencies, such as severe weather, disasters, and in case of normal communication disruptions.

We are trained and available to assist the county with emergency communications when requested by the Murray County Emergency Management Director or Law Enforcement.

We are looking for Amateur Radio operators that want to volunteer to assist the county when emergency communications is needed.

We encourage you to become a amateur licensed operator and volunteer in ARES!

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