

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB



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Re: Invitation to meet with us June 28nd

Dear Director McDonald:

I am writing to cordially invite you to meet with Amateur Radio operators of Rhode Island and members of our club at Glen Park, on the corner of Glen RD and Frank Coelho DR, in Portsmouth, RI on June 28 between 2 and 6 PM.

This is "Field Day" for Amateur Radio operators, often called "hams". Throughout the country, tens of thousands of ham radio operators will be setting up thousands of radio stations in unusual locations and exchanging messages with others as a demonstration of their emergency communications capabilities.

In the past year alone, ham radio's people have made headlines with their work during several tornado outbreaks in Mississippi, Alabama, and Nebraska. Hams provide emergency communications for many government and civic organizations in disasters. In addition, they provide supplemental communications when normal systems are rendered inoperable or overloaded, which is why our motto is "When All Else Fails, Ham Radio Works".

I hope that this plan meets with your approval and look forward to you visiting us at this event. Should you be able, we would be delighted for you to join us at our picnic which begins at 6PM. Chicken, hotdogs, and hamburgers will be served (please let us know how many will join us for dinner). This event should be fun and provides validation to the hundreds of Amateur Radio volunteers who have spent thousands of hours providing emergency communications, public service work and other benefits throughout our community and region. We will be inviting the press to drop by, and will have brochures, information packets and other materials explaining our work. If you need more information or would like to confirm your visit please contact me at the phone number below.

Sincerely,

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