



Emergency Communications Technician Training Course

Sponsored by the Newport County Radio Club in cooperation with The American Red Cross of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Department of Health, and Portsmouth EMA.

Who: This training course is open to all licensed Amateur radio operators. Preference is given to residents of Newport County, but enrollment is open to all Amateur operators on a space-available basis.

What: This training course equips the student with the knowledge and skills needed to serve as an Emergency Communicator in an Emergency Operations Center, a Red Cross evacuation shelter, or a Medical Emergency Distribution System Point of Dispensing. These skills are applicable to operations in many other public safety emergency communications venues. No prior knowledge of public safety or emergency communications is assumed or required. See the course syllabus for information on the subject areas covered in this course.

When: Seven (7) consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning Tuesday, March 3 2015. Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Where: Portsmouth Emergency Operations Center – 2nd Floor of the Portsmouth Fire Station. 2300 East Main Road, Portsmouth RI. This is a secure facility. Enter through front door and check in with the dispatcher.

Why: You have a genuine desire to serve your neighbors in time of need. Your Amateur radio skills are a valuable resource that enable you to provide critically needed communications during emergencies. Formal Emergency Communications training is required for all Amateur radio operators who wish to serve in public safety organizations.

How: Contact Portsmouth EMA Director John King (WA1ABI) at: wa1abi@cox.net or (401) 683-3660