

About OSECA and the OSECA Net

The Ocean State Emergency Communications Alliance (OSECA) Net meets on the First and Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM on the KA1RCI Repeater Network. All licensed Amateur operators are welcome to check in to the net. You do not have to be affiliated with any emergency communications organization to join the net.

OSECA is an **alliance** of the existing ham radio teams (HRT's) that serve Rhode Island emergency management and disaster response agencies. The "A" in OSECA is significant. No single organization leads OSECA. OSECA is not a policy making group nor is it a governing body.

Today, there are Emergency Communications HRT's affiliated with local EMA's in Charlestown, Coventry, Portsmouth, Providence, and Westerly. The RI Chapter of the Red Cross also has an HRT. There may be other HRT's of which we are not aware, and hopefully OSECA will help us discover them.

The OSECA Net is a means for us to informally connect these HRT's at the grass roots level to promote a free exchange of information and ideas. All our HRT's are operating independently in a vacuum now – we will all benefit from anything that fosters information sharing and cooperation between the teams. We hope that the net will make all Amateur operators more aware of public service opportunities in Emergency Communications (EmComm.)

All Amateurs interested in Emergency Communications or those wishing to learn more about EmComm are encouraged to check in to the OSECA net.