

Anderson Island Amateur Radio Club Emergency Communications Charter

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Anderson Island Amateur Radio Club(AIARC) will support the Fire District #27 Anderson Island Fire and Rescue (AIFR) for emergency backup communications as follows:

- a. AIARC will sponsor periodic Amateur Radio on island license testing, resulting in applicants receiving their Amateur Radio Technician, General or Extra class licenses.
- b. Train licensed radio operators with hand helds (HTs), mobile and base radios, to provide emergency backup communications in support of the Anderson Island Preparedness plan. Scenarios include operators riding along with Fire and Rescue vehicles or deployed to emergency response locations such as the American Legion Community Center or the Historical Society Archival Building.
- c. Train radio operators to drive predetermined routes that cover the island and report situational updates to AIFR as requested.
- d. Train operators to effectively operate as net control, for the purpose of coordinating emergency communication deployed assets in support of AIFR.
- e. Participate in monthly on island emergency communication drills.
- f. Encourage membership with the Pierce County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and receive FEMA training, obtain a WA State Emergency Worker's card and participate in state wide events and drills.
- g. Island Amateur Radio operators will provide over-the-air email service in the event that internet or cell based networks are not available.
- h. Provide equipment and communications expertise in supporting the installation and operation of a net control radio capability located at the Fire Station. This includes storage of "Go Kit" quick deployment radio equipment in a secure, hardened area at the Fire Station EOC.
- I. Encourage members to take the on-island CERT training and obtain a WA State Emergency Workers Card.