

PURPOSE: To briefly describe the ACS organization for interested individuals.

BOTTOM LINE: The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) functions as a community service organization and a disaster or emergency service asset consisting of highly-skilled volunteers using amateur (ham) radio to accomplish stated and implied missions.

Communities Served: We currently provide amateur radio communications support to the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Upland, California upon request.

Public Service Communications Support: At the discretion of the appropriate Emergency Management Coordinator or designate for each served community, the ACS may receive requests to provide communications support to public activities such as sporting events, parades or other approved activities. The ACS treats each of these opportunities as training events and we plan, execute and review each of these in accordance with standards of conduct and professionalism expected by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) as well as the expectations of our supported city, our designated client and common sense.

Disaster or Emergency Service Support: At the direction of the appropriate Emergency Management Coordinator or designate, the ACS may receive immediate requests to provide communications support to supplement city services such as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), a specific agency (such as Public Works), a joint, multi-service location (such as a staging area for Rancho Cucamonga, Cal-Fire and San Bernardino County fire agencies) or request for deployment of our assets to multiple locations within a city (such as evacuation shelters or fire stations).

What you need to know: Prior to committing to the ACS, you will need to have completed a CERT basic course as well as obtaining at least a Technician (entry) level FCC-issued amateur radio license. Through coordination with our supported cities, the ACS offers Technician-level licensing classes three times a year. We also offer one upgrade class per year (from Technician to General). You can find more information here: <https://www.cityofrc.us/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=16291>

For information regarding our current calendar, please visit <http://www.tricityacs.net>. You can also keep up-to-date with our membership by “Liking” us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/tricityacs>. For a listing of required FEMA courses, please visit: http://www.tricityacs.net/ACS_FEMA_Course_List_190318.pdf

Thank you for your interest in our organization and I hope to meet you soon!

73s,

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