

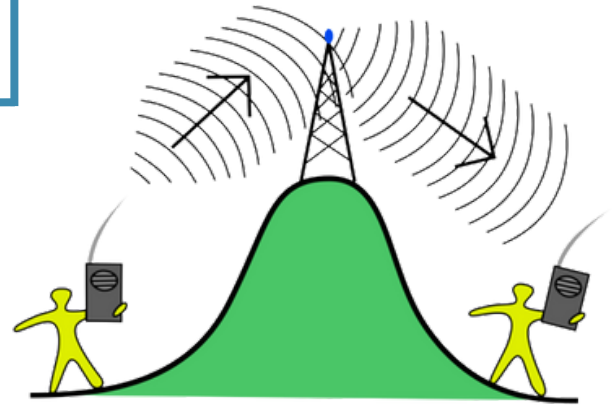
RACES

Radio-Amateur-Civil-Emergency-Services

NEMCo RACES consists of a group of amateur radio (ham) operators who may be activated to enhance emergency communications in the Northshore area. RACES provides backup communication on behalf of local government to other communities, county emergency services, and state emergency services.

NEMCo volunteers consist of Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and community volunteers. These groups combine diverse skills to assist in emergencies, community events, and preparedness activities. Our goal is to prepare neighbors to help each other and be able to find assistance in an emergency.

Ham Radio Repeaters



Weekly

NEMCo conducts by radio a roll call (called a “resource net”) of members and visitors. These radio practices are used to make announcements and to provide training in how to properly communicate on air. RACES also uses this net to conduct drills to ensure volunteer readiness in emergencies.

Monthly

- Meetings are used to provide information, announcements, mini-training workshops, and other discussions of interest to participants.
- The NEMCo radio gear located at the four Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) is tested and contact is made among the EOCs using both voice and packet radio, which is a way of messaging using text.

Bianually

NEMCo participates in state-wide exercises known as “Fifth Saturday Drills” where other EOCs around the state contact each other via radio to ensure they can communicate with each other in emergencies. They often include some disaster scenarios so EOC operators can practice relaying damage-related information.

Periodically

- RACES members participate as the communications team for NEMCo and assist the CERT teams in fulfilling their responsibilities. CERTs are involved in a variety of activities such as conducting damage assessments, assisting in urban search and rescue, and setting up shelter and water/supplies distribution operations.
- RACES members provide communications assistance for community events such as fun runs organized by the Cities and/or various charities.

Volunteer Hours Possible

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The Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo) is a partnership among the cities of Kenmore and Lake Forest Park, the Northshore Fire Department, and the Northshore Utility District. Its purpose is to maximize each of the participating agency's emergency preparedness efforts and resources to efficiently serve our community. NEMCo's focus is to engage the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies and disasters through education and volunteer coordination. NEMCo provides a number of emergency preparedness training opportunities throughout the year for those interested in volunteering or for those who just want to be better prepared at home.

Phonetic Alphabet

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| A | Alpha | N | November |
| B | Bravo | O | Oscar |
| C | Charlie | P | Papa |
| D | Delta | Q | Quebec |
| E | Echo | R | Romeo |
| F | Foxtrot | S | Sierra |
| G | Golf | T | Tango |
| H | Hotel | U | Uniform |
| I | India | V | Victor |
| J | Juliet | W | Whiskey |
| K | Kilo | X | X-ray |
| L | Lima | Y | Yankee |
| M | Mike | Z | Zulu |

This simplified diagram represents the current Emergency Operation Centers and infrastructure of the Northshore Emergency Management Coalition. Amateur radio operators are essential in providing this communication capability.

