



## Rancho Cucamonga Fire District Auxiliary Communications Service

Volunteers affiliated with the ReadyRC program support services provided by the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District, including community outreach efforts, administrative functions, and disaster response for significant incidents.

Volunteer Opportunity: Auxiliary Communications Service

The Fire District is seeking enthusiastic, self-motivated individuals to offer communication support to the Fire District in a large scale emergency.

Duties: Operate portable, mobile and base station Amateur and Public Safety radios.

Qualifications: Amateur Radio Technician-level License or greater, successfully pass a Department of Justice (DOJ) background check via Livescan, completion of National Incident Management System (NIMS) training IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800, CPR/AED/First Aid (8 hr. Red Cross or American Heart Association), and proof of completion of CERT basic course.

Commitment Expected: The ACS monthly meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. rotating locations between Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and the Montclair. A weekly radio net is held on Monday evening at 7:00PM. Additional training is conducted quarterly on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month and scheduled Saturday mornings. There is approximately one drill or event per quarter to sharpen Ham radio skills.

Training: The Amateur Radio Technician License is a 10-hour course held over five weeks designed to teach the necessary basics to obtain a Technician's License and legally operate a Ham radio per FCC regulations. The Technician License class, which is offered twice a year, is free but there is a \$35 material fee paid to the instructor at the first class and a \$15.00 processing fee is due on the day of the FCC Licensing exam. A General-level class is held once a year. To learn more about upcoming classes, please visit RCPark.com or check out the current issue of the *Grapevine*. NIMS level one training consists of four online classes: IS-100 Intro to Incident Command System, IS-200 Incident Command System (ICS) for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, IS-700 Intro to National Incident Management System, and IS-800 National Response Framework, an Introduction classes from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (<http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/>).

Minimum Age: 16

Availability needed: Ongoing

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