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Radio nets are held on the KH6FL repeater at 7:15 pm each Monday. The repeater frequency is 145.140-600 P/L 127.3 Hz



CLASS 1

Huntington Beach Fire Department
Emergency Management & Homeland Security

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Do you want to help your community during a disaster?

HB RACES Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service



Communications:

"The key to Success!"

What is HBRACES

RACES stands for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service. RACES is an organization of amateur radio operators who volunteer to provide radio communications for states. Created in 1951, primarily to serve in civil defense emergencies, RACES provides essential communications and warning links to supplement State and local governments during emergencies.

Huntington Beach RACES personnel are public safety volunteers with valid FCC Amateur Radio licenses. They have been trained to assist the City of Huntington Beach during times of emergency and disasters, or for routine events and activities.

HB RACES is not an Amateur Radio club. It is a volunteer team within a Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. HBRACES personnel are certified by the State of California as Disaster Service Workers and are trained and certified to provide public safety communications support.



Our priorities during a disaster include

- ◆ Establishing RACES Net Control in the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- ◆ Supplementing impact assessment and/or windshield survey reports for the EOC
- ◆ Backing up Fire, Police, Public Works, and Marine Safety communication systems
- ◆ Providing backup communications between public/private schools and the EOC
- ◆ Providing communications to city facilities
- ◆ Establishing communications in emergency shelters
- ◆ Relaying CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) neighborhood reports Providing ATV (Amateur Television), a live video feed from the city's helicopter and field locations to the EOC

Work with a Class 1 Fire Department



You can join our team if you

- ◆ Are a licensed Amateur Radio Operator
- ◆ Are at least 18 years of age
- ◆ Can attend meetings regularly
- ◆ Can check in to weekly radio nets
- ◆ Are available for callouts and special duties
- ◆ Own a portable 2-meter amateur radio
Can pass a background check conducted by the Huntington Beach Police Department
- ◆ Desire to provide a public service
- ◆ Live or work in Huntington Beach



Special Events Communications

We provide communications for special events (Public Service, Outreach and Training) such as:

- ◆ Pacific Shoreline Marathon
- ◆ Huntington Beach Distance Derby
- ◆ Annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay
- ◆ Orange County Fair, Amateur Radio Booth
- ◆ Annual School Emergency Communication Drill
- ◆ Bolsa Chica Run for the Birds Charity/Fund Raising Event
- ◆ Annual County-wide SET Drill
- ◆ ARRL Field Day
- ◆ Equestrian Shows
- ◆ March of Dimes Walk America
- ◆ Fire Department Shadow Drills
- ◆ Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Exercises

Past HB RACES activations

- ◆ American Trader Offshore Oil Spill, February 1990
- ◆ Major Flooding Incident, February 1995
- ◆ El Nino Flooding, December 1997
- ◆ Y2K millennium watch
- ◆ Backup resource in readiness for critical city communications, December 1999
- ◆ 9-11 Terrorist Attack, HF communications link for City employees and families into the stricken area, September 2001
- ◆ Fourth of July, HB Parade and Fire Department Dispatch Assistance annually
- ◆ Fire Department Radio Outage, September 2004
- ◆ Oil Overspray Incident - March 2004
- ◆ Verizon wide-area telephone system Outage, October 2005
- ◆ Santiago Fire , October 2007
- ◆ San Diego Fires, October 2007



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www.hbraces.org

Learn more about amateur radio at:

www.arrl.org

www.emergency-radio.org

www.races.net

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