# Memorandum

of

## Understanding

Between

## The City of Huber Heights, Ohio Inc.

and

# The Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club (HHARC)

The City of Huber Heights, Ohio Inc., and the Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club (HHARC) share the common bond of communications in the public interest.

HHARC is a non-commercial club of radio amateurs bonded together for the interest and promotion of Amateur Radio communications.

While the city of Huber Heights is charged with responsibility of communications in the public interest as professional members of the public safety community, a primary responsibility of the Amateur Radio Service, as established by Part 47 of the Federal Communications Commission's regulations, is the rendering of public service communication for the general public, particularly in times of emergency, when normal communications are not available.

#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to state the terms of a mutual agreement between HHARC and the City of Huber Heights that will serve as a broad framework within which volunteer personnel of HHARC may coordinate their equipment with the city officials and their agencies for a disaster for emergency communications.

#### **II.** Definition of a Disaster

A disaster is an occurrence such as a hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, winddrive water, tidal wave, earthquake, volcanic eruption, drought, blizzard, pestilence, famine, fire, explosion, building collapse, transportation accident, or other situation that causes human suffering or creates human needs that the victims cannot alleviate without assistance.

It will be understood and agreed that members of HHARC primary responsible will be that of radio communications.

#### **III.** Method of Cooperation

In order that the emergency communications facilities of HHARC may be coordinated and utilized to the fullest advantage during an emergency, the City of Huber Heights and the HHARC agrees to the following:

- A. An Emergency Coordinator (EC) will be assigned. The EC will provide the closest possible coordination and direct operational assistance by HHARC in emergency communication planning and in the coordination of amateur radio communications facilities for during disaster operations.
- B. The EC will be encouraged to take part in pre-disaster training and planning and to work with the city to provide amateur radio communications equipment and volunteers, and to meet the needs of their disaster and emergency communications.
- C. When a disaster or an emergency occurs requiring the use of amateur radio communications, Huber Heights, with the understanding of the agency or agencies to

be served, may request the assistance of HHARC. This assistance may include, but not limited to the following:

- 1. The alerting and mobilization of Amateur Radio volunteer emergency communications personnel.
- 2. The establishment and maintenance of fixed, mobile and portable station emergency communications facilities for local radio coverage and point-to-point contact between public safety officials and locations, as required, such as pointto-point communications with the Ohio EOC in Columbus, Ohio.
- 3. Maintenance of the continuity of communications for the duration of the emergency period or until normal communications channels is substantially restored.
- D. The use of amateur radio may be included in events such as missing persons, searches, weather, fire, electric outages, floods, public service events and any communication emergency that may occur with the city of Huber Heights.
- E. HHARC agrees to supply the city of Huber Heights with lists of emergency coordinators on an annual basis. The city of Huber Heights agrees to supply HHARC with pertinent information and points of contacts on an annual basis.

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# MAKE CALLS FROM THE TOP TO BOTTOM. THE FIRST ONE TO ANSWER WILL CONTACT THE OTHER MEBERS OF THE RADIO CLUB.

THE USE OF AMATEUR RADIO MAY BE USED FOR EVENTS SUCH AS MISSING PERSONS, SEARCHES, WEATHER, FIRE, ELECTRIC OUTAGES, TELEPHONE OUTAGES, FLOODS, PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS AND ANY COMMUNICATIONS EMERGENCY THAT MAY OCCUR WITHIN THE CITY OF HUBER HEIGHTS.

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