

Amateur Radio in a Small Town Sea-Pac Convention

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Introduction to Woodland

- Located at MP#21 on I-5
- 5,625 residents
- Growing area
- Many new residents
- Recreational opportunities
- Lewis and Columbia Rivers
- Woodland Amateur Radio Group



Hazards Everywhere

- Know your local hazards
- Hazard analysis available at DEM
- Flooding
- Hazardous materials
- Weather
- Slides
- Mt St Helens
- Earthquake

Every community has hazards - know yours

Communications

- Integral part of our society but vulnerable
 - Power outages
 - Damage (contractors & terrorism)
 - Weather issues
 - Disaster
- Public Safety systems more reliable
- Still need a backup: Amateur Radio
- You could be the local communications expert!

Working with Public Officials

- Mayor, Police Chiefs, Sheriffs & others
- Understanding their needs – Important!
- Show them what you can do
- Match your skills to their needs
- Showcase your equipment
- Be professional!

We all want to fit in but we have to look and act the part to be part of the game.

Field Day / Activities

- Chance to learn & practice skills
- Meet new people and socialize
- Show public officials what you can do
- Showcase amateur radio – attract members
- Batteries, solar panels, portable antennas
- Food!



Emergency Preparedness

- 72 hours principle
- Are you ready?
- Kits and plans are not expensive
- Getting to know your neighbors
- You can save a life!

The only difference between adventure and disaster is preparedness.

Everyone Can Participate

- Be prepared
- Get some training
- Be available
- Practice your skills at Field Day
- Train others
- You can be a hero too!

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

Amateur Radio Operators

- Can be part of the solution
- Be the eyes for public officials
- Participate at any level
- Community Service no other can do
- Other duties as assigned
- Have fun!
- June QST article by Rick Campbell, KK7B

Information Websites

- www.ready.gov
- emergency.cdc.gov/
- www.redcross.org/preparedness
- www.arrl.org/emergency-communications-training
- cowlitzcountydem.blogspot.com/

Questions??

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