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Bellevue Communications Support
Bellevue Fire Department
Office of Emergency Management
450 110th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98004



AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

Hello Bellevue Area Amateur Radio Operator,

Whether you are newly licensed, recently upgraded, or a ham with years of experience in emergency communications the Bellevue Communication Support team would like to reach out to you and be part of your emergency communications and preparedness journey. We serve the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) of the City of Bellevue Fire Department.

Inside, you will find more information about BCS, what we do, and opportunities for volunteering. Please email us at officers@k7bel.org if you are interested in joining BCS or for more information.

We'd also love to hear from you on our weekly check-in nets (details inside) whether you are a member or a visitor. Tune your radio in on Thursdays evenings.

Sincerely, Bellevue Communications Support Officers

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About Bellevue Communications Support

Bellevue Communications Support (BCS) is a group of volunteer amateur radio operators serving the Office of Emergency Management of the City of Bellevue Fire Department. BCS provides auxiliary communications support to the City of Bellevue in times of disaster or emergency.



BCS Activities

- Maintain Bellevue emergency operations center (EOC) radio room amateur radio equipment including HF, VHF, and UHF radios with voice, Winlink, and digital modes
- Maintain and test cached amateur radio go-kits
- Participate in regional communications exercises organized by Washington State
- Participate in City of Bellevue and regional disaster preparedness drills
- Monthly meetings with a variety of amateur radio, emergency communications, and preparedness topics
- Weekly check-in nets for members and visitors on Thursday evenings per the schedule and frequencies below



How to Volunteer

Active and Reserve Membership

Membership is contingent on a successful background check. Active membership is granted based on participation in BCS activities. Active members maintain the

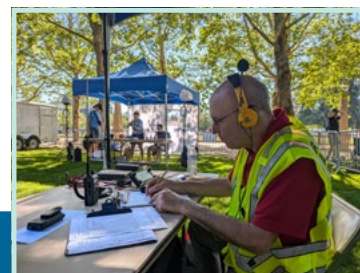
highest levels of access and readiness to deploy when called upon by OEM.

Members with lower participation are placed on the reserve members roster. Reserve members are able to participate in BCS activities but hold lower levels of access. They may still be called on for deployment and familiarity with BCS infrastructure and procedures will be invaluable.

Leadership Opportunities

Members can be nominated to serve as one of three BCS officer positions with a 3-year term. Officers work with the City of Bellevue liaison to set BCS goals and fulfill the needs of OEM. Other leadership opportunities are also available.

All members are encouraged to share their knowledge by presenting during monthly meetings, elmering, as well as defining and organizing team projects.



How to Contact BCS

Please direct your questions and membership inquiries to the BCS officers. Email us at officers@k7bel.org

Join us for the BCS weekly radio voice network (net)

2nd Thursday every month	6:30 p.m. Local Time	146.580 MHz simplex at start, then change to 441.100+/156.7 repeater
Other Thursdays	8 p.m. Local Time	Tune to repeater: 441.100 MHz, +5 MHz offset, 156.7 Hz tone



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