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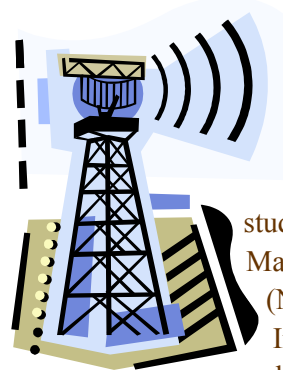
- NIMS stands for National Incident Command System
- Credentials beyond an amateur license are now required to aid EMS, fire and police in disasters
- It's easy to obtain the needed classes via the internet

NIMS compliance necessary for responders

Amateurs hold special skills and abilities that few others do. They may deploy locally or in some cases go hundreds or thousands of miles away to use skills to assist others by passing emergency, routine and welfare messages.

Since the recent days of 9-11 and Katrina, the ability to do this hasn't changed but the necessary qualifications have changed. All it used to take was an amateur radio license, knowing how to pass traffic, and the wish to help. Now hams are being bulldozed with new acronyms and requirements from the ARRL and other agencies with terms like NIMS

Integration, FEMA compliance, DHS and CE-C. New classes and certifications are being required by more areas just to do what hams have done for years.



This isn't something to fear. In fact we all can learn or use a refresher course in procedures.

The primary course of study is National Incident Management System (NIMS). It is a rehash of Incident Command procedures but with a few new twists. NIMS has actually been around for years with different names. Now Indiana is playing catch up to

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2008 CCARC officers selected at Dec. meeting

The Cass County Amateur Radio Club held its annual election of officers and made the following choices:

President - Chuck Hendrickson, N9PMW; Vice President - Dave Rothermel, K9DVL; Secretary - Tom Murray, KB9WSL; Treasurer - Dave Wandrei, N9WCQ.

The Directors at Large voted by the group are: Ed Norris, K9PSR; Bob Minnick, K9AWH; and Tom Denton, KB9VMW.

Other positions are appointed by the club president and are listed on the back page.

Are you NIMS compliant?

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the rest of the country, but we're all calling it the same thing.

More police and fire jurisdictions, and other emergency personnel assisting in disasters, want to know your capabilities and your credentials (NIMS training, for one) before you help. If qualifications can't be assured, you and your group as a whole will not be playing a part. This is why getting to know police, fire, and other agencies, and for them to know your group, its capabilities and willingness to train as well as learn new skills, is important. Staying up to date with federally mandated practices (like NIMS) will build trust, and your group can play a part when disaster occurs.

Whether or not one agrees with NIMS isn't the point. In order to maintain federal funding and grants, agencies are required to follow NIMS. This includes volunteer fire departments and EMS. Utilizing NIMS will serve your group and the ham community better. The EMA director or your local Sheriff will



be impressed that your group has already voluntarily become NIMS compliant.

NIMS compliance is easy. If one uses the same effort used to attain a ham license, it can happen quickly. Classes are online and are free, with few exceptions. All that's needed is to take the online course and to pass the test. A certificate will be sent.

Basic NIMS courses that are the most benefit are IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800. Most take a couple hours to watch, complete exercises, and take the tests. There is an immediate response with the test, and it can be retaken until passed, with no penalty. Then check the master list to see other courses of interest. Hams are strongly urged to take the NIMS training, if for no other reason than to learn something new. The place to start is at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslst.asp>

Chuck Hendrickson, N9PMW
President, CCARC

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Virus scare may be from unexpected source

The Taipei Times has reported that some portable hard disks from Seagate Technology have been found to carry two Trojan viruses that upload anything saved on the drives to two Beijing websites.

The disks, made in Thailand, contained *autorun.inf* and *ghost.pif* viruses, according to Taiwan's Bureau of Investigation. The Bureau said it was the first time viruses had been found on hard disks before they reached consumers,

and suspected Chinese authorities may be involved. Agents examined the disks and were able to link the viruses to the two web sites.

The affected disks were Maxtor 500G, a large disk often used by government agencies to store databases and other information.

Seagate's Asian Pacific branch is investigating.

Were cell phones predicted back in the 1930s?

What were fashion designers thinking we would wear in the year 2000? A video that recently surfaced on *YouTube.com* originally from ITN's *Pathe-tone Weekly* shows what several fashion designers 70 years ago thought we would be wearing today.

While most of the expert guesses were far from eventual reality, like women would be wearing clothes made from glass or aluminum, and clothes could be "converted" from day to evening wear, one fashion prediction for men came in right on the money.



The video describes how men in 2000 would be wearing "radios" and "telephones" on their belts!

The video was called, "1930s Futuristic Fashion Predictions."

FCC's Riley Hollingsworth is staying on

After announcing his intent to retire from the FCC in January, Riley Hollingsworth, K4XDH, has decided to continue in his position as special counsel in the Enforcement Bureau.

In a statement released by the FCC, Hollingsworth said, "After thinking about the decision to retire, it became more and more clear to me that it just isn't the right decision for me right

now." He added that there are issues that he wants to continue to work through with the amateur community.

The Enforcement Bureau is the entity within the FCC with primary oversight to enforce the rules governing Amateur Radio, along with other functions.

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CCARC achievements, successes for 2007 noted

Education and History Officer, Anna Hendrickson, KC9IDO, has summarized the accomplishments of the CCARC during 2007. She points out that little events paid big dividends.

"I'd like to offer a 'thank you' to those who helped with Field Day, the cook-out, and the severe weather nets," Anna comments. "The improved web site, the Feedline, those who helped with repeater antenna projects, and improvements at the EMA building also must

be mentioned," she adds.

The club's increasing involvement in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is also on Anna's 2007 list. "It's small now," she writes, "but with time and training it will turn into something spectacular."

Editor's note: Although she's hesitant to take credit, Anna's willingness to take on many special projects for the club is a large reason for our success. She deserves our thanks as well.



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Dots and Dashes

Repeaters

The primary repeater operates on 147.180 MHz and is located at the Chase Park water tower with an open receiver. An additional receive site is located at the Cass County EMA building. These are accessed with a 77 HZ sub-audible tone. The VHF transmitter also transmits a 77 Hz tone. Setting your receiver to *decode* will reduce unwanted signals. A second VHF repeater also is located at the Emergency Management building and operates

on 145.230 MHz. A UHF repeater transmits on 443.650 MHz from the EMA building. All transmit offsets are standard.

Repeaters may be out of service from time to time for repairs or upgrades. The club station is W9VMW.

CCARC Meetings

Meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at the Cass County Emergency Management Agency building, 2 miles North of Logansport on SR 17. Dues are \$15.00 per

year. Immediate family members may join for an additional \$5.00.

Amateur License Tests

Test sessions for all classes of amateur radio licenses are offered the third Saturday of each month at approximately 10:00 AM, immediately following the club meeting. Testing is held at the Cass County EMA building, 2 miles North of Logansport on SR17. Pre-registration is not necessary. The CCARC is affiliated with The W5YI Group.



The Cass County Amateur Radio Club is an Indiana Not For Profit Corporation in continuous existence since 1953.