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TRG-AUXCOMM: Auxiliary Communications Workshop

Name of Class: Auxiliary Communications Workshop

Date: October 28-29, 2017

Location: Elmore County EMA 8917 US Highway 231 Wetumpka, Alabama 36092

Alabama has requested for the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) to provide training to communications volunteer's in Alabama. Auxiliary Communications is a important part of emergency communications response in Alabama, and having individuals with a communications skill set with an understanding of NIMS and ICS structure plays a key role in a successful Communications Unit in Alabama.

Space for this class is limited and is offered on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in this training, please fill out the attached application and return it with prerequisites to Tina Short at tina.short@ema.alabama.gov by COB October 1, 2017

Description

This class is designed for those auxiliary emergency communicators and groups who volunteer to provide backup emergency radio communications support to public safety agencies. Typically, this includes amateur radio and Radio

Emergency Associated Communications Team (REACT) communicators, but may include other volunteer emergency communicators.

Volunteer emergency communications operators/groups, using amateur radio, have been providing backup communications to public safety for nearly 100 years. Event planners, public safety officials, and emergency managers at

all levels of government utilize their services. Often, amateur radio services have been used when other forms of communications have failed or have been disrupted. Today, nearly all the states/territories have incorporated some level

of participation by amateur radio auxiliary communication operators into their TICPs and SCIPs.

This course focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, the relationship between the COML and the volunteer,

emergency operations center (EOC) etiquette, on-the-air etiquette, FCC rules and regulations, auxiliary communications

training and planning, and emergency communications deployment. It is intended to supplement and standardize an operator's experience and knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in a public safety context.

Prerequisites for attendance are:

- Completion of IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700.a, and IS-800.b prior to the workshop
- An active FCC amateur radio license
- Past experience in auxiliary emergency communications
- A desire to work with COMLs in a NIMS/ICS environment
- Be able to attend exercises, communications drills, pre-planned events, and disaster deployments as a member of the Alabama Disaster Communications Unit (DCU) when needed.

**This is a 20 hour, two-day course with facilitated lectures and student exercises. This course builds in time for interactive discussions and activities and will include a final exercise exam