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# FOUNTAIN VALLEY AMATEUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM (F.A.C.T.)

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A unit of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

## REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

### Requirements for membership

1. Must be a licensed radio amateur operator, no code tech or above, at least 18 years of age.
2. No felony convictions or FCC violations.
3. Must possess (and maintain) a working, portable amateur radio station, capable of operation on the Fountain Valley RACES 2 Meter frequencies.
4. Must be willing to undergo a Fountain Valley Police Department Background check.

### Member Expectations

Fountain Valley RACES members are expected to adhere to all FCC Rules and Regulations, and to conduct themselves in manner befitting certified public-safety communicators.

Fountain Valley RACES members are expected to maintain their radio equipment in reliable working condition, and to have a working knowledge of all functions of their equipment as well as the stationary and portable Fountain Valley RACES equipment.

Fountain Valley RACES members are expected to maintain their duty bags and first-aid kits in a ready state for virtually any type of activation.

Fountain Valley RACES members are expected to display their identification badges at all times when participating in any Fountain Valley RACES sanctioned activity.

Fountain Valley RACES members are expected to participate in at least 50 percent of all scheduled activities such as monthly meetings, weekly nets, drills, exercises, simulated disasters, and other training activities during the year.

Fountain Valley RACES members are expected to report for duty during any unscheduled activation by the City of Fountain Valley during a disaster or emergency. Members are expected first to ensure the well being of their families before reporting for duty.

Fountain Valley RACES members are expected to give 100-percent priority to Fountain Valley RACES for all emergencies and disasters. Fountain Valley RACES members who hold membership in other emergency communications or service organizations are expected to relinquish first-response membership in those organizations, to avoid conflicts during disaster activations.

Fountain Valley RACES members are expected to monitor the Fountain Valley RACES repeaters for activation status or to exchange information, immediately after becoming aware of an actual or possible disaster affecting the City. Fountain Valley RACES members shall not self-activate.