

Communication Organizations

Organizations to meet communication goals

1. Radio Clubs

Radio clubs meet the need for people to turn to when we need to establish emergency communications systems. The local club is a source of expertise in many areas of amateur radio. By getting involved with your local radio club, you will meet and get to know the other amateur operators in your area and you will learn their operating habits. The local club also serves as a major point of contact with the public and many clubs are heavily involved in providing public service communications. Getting involved with your local group's public service activities allows you to make sure that your equipment is working properly and that you are practiced in operating in a formal net environment. These are two fundamentals to effective emergency communications work. If you are not familiar with any of the local clubs in your area, you can get on most any repeater or your section net and ask some of the locals for more information. Also, you can check the ARRL's Affiliated Club listing to see if there is a club in your area. The SSC (Special Service Club) designation of a club indicates a club with higher than usual activities in the realms of public service and emergency communications.

The following five items are from the <http://www.arrl.org/field/pscm/> web pages.

2. [A.R.E.S.](#)
3. [R.A.C.E.S.](#)
4. [Two organizations, how do they differ and why be a member of both.](#)
5. [N.T.S.](#)
6. [M.A.R.S.](#)
7. When/How do we use REACT

REACT International, "Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams"

REACT is an auxiliary communications organization that has historically focused on communications with the public. REACT operators handle many sorts of unstructured situations that do not fit well into standard net procedures such as supporting logistics by collecting information from and providing instructions to truckers bringing relief supplies into a disaster area and dealing with other spontaneous volunteer radio operators.

8. E-9-1-1 What do they need to know?

Many people understand that they are to dial 9-1-1 for emergency help. How many people know what information they will need to have available once they are connected to the 9-1-1 call taker? Unfortunately very few. [Here is a list of information you will need.](#)