

## **WA3YUV FOR MDC SECTION MANAGER**

The MDC Section is facing many challenges requiring strong, experienced leadership. 9-11, terrorist threats, and the increasing number of local natural disasters clearly demonstrate the need for us to become aggressive in our emergency preparedness. Evolving technologies afford us the opportunity to attract young members to the hobby we all enjoy. I can provide the MDC Section with the leadership required to meet these needs.

As an Amateur Extra, for 28 years I have been involved in a wide range of technical, public service, and emergency response activities. I have been active as an ARRL Official Observer, taught numerous ham radio classes, held various offices in the local radio club, and written articles for QST. I have extensive experience in disaster operations, having gone to Florida as part of the Hurricane Andrew relief team and on the initial response to the Pentagon Recovery effort following 9-11.

I would actively promote and support all MDC ARES organizations, so that they are active, well trained, properly equipped, and responsive. It is imperative that all Amateur radio groups, whether it is a club, an individual or an ARES/RACES group, work together, after all we are in this together. A step towards this will be actively promoting the ARRL EMCOMM course to revitalize our ARES operations while invigorating its leaders to have meaningful and interesting programs.

My vision is for a Section where all clubs are active participants. A Section where individual member input is valued regardless of club or clique politics. A Section that

actively supports school programs about Amateur radio and promotes the diversity that is Amateur radio.

More significantly, I would like to make Amateur radio fun for everyone in the MDC Section, regardless of license class and look forward to working with each of you to accomplish these goals.