



Richmond Amateur Radio Club

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Richmond Amateur Radio Club Announces New Action Plan for its Emergency Communications Program to Better Support Evolving Needs of Local Emergency Preparedness Activities in the Community.

Richmond, B.C. (May 9, 2018) – To coincide with Emergency Preparedness Week, Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) announces a three-prong plan to more directly support the changing requirements of local Emergency Communications Programs. The set of activities in the plan aims to:

- 1) Inform and educate the public about the role and use of Amateur radio in emergencies to promote awareness of emergency preparedness,
- 2) Provide training for RARC members and the public so individuals can be better prepared and more experienced when volunteering for local emergency programs, and
- 3) Organize RARC to more effectively provide communications support as a unit when requested to so do in the event of an emergency.

Amateur radio organizations have a history of supporting local emergency programs and playing a role in emergency communications. RARC's action plan leverages the skills and experience of its members and capability of its communications assets to maintain the club's responsibility in providing communications support for the community.

"Local emergency programs are presently undergoing a shift to increase volunteer recruitment and expand training activity," says Urey Chan, president of RARC and also active volunteer with Richmond Emergency Management Program (REMO) and Vancouver Emergency Community Telecommunications Organization (VECTOR). "RARC's action plan is structured to provide information and training that are beyond the mandate of local emergency programs. This is where RARC can be most helpful."

More information about the RARC Emergency Communications Program Action Plan is posted at: www.richmondarc.ca/ecp.html

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About Richmond Amateur Radio Club – RARC is a registered BC Society of volunteers to promote the interests of Amateur Radio, assist in the provision of communication services in the event of an emergency, and provide communications for public community events as requested. RARC is a supporter of Emergency Management BC and City of Richmond Emergency Programs, and an affiliated club with Radio Amateurs of Canada. Programs for RARC are partially funded by grants from the City of Richmond and Province of British Columbia. Additional information about RARC is located on the club's main Web site at: www.rarclub.ca

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