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BONNER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE - ARES®

MISSION STATEMENT (Rev. 6-23-15)

The Bonner County Amateur Radio Emergency Service is a field organization of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). It is composed of FCC licensed amateur radio operators who are trained emergency communicators. We volunteer our personal time, skill, and equipment if requested by a Served Agency, national, state, or local Emergency Manager. We will endeavor to supplement, extend or replace impacted commercial or government communications systems in an emergency or public service situation. We will use our own, served agency, or government-provided, amateur radio equipment and systems.

PURPOSE

Amateur Radio is not a replacement for Public Safety or governmental agencies, but acts to serve those Public Safety and non governmental organizations in a subordinate capacity. Amateur Radio enables Public Safety agencies to focus on their primary role by freeing them from tasks that do not fall within their daily mission. Amateur Radio is particularly well suited to serve the logistical communications requirements of an Incident Command System, thereby keeping critical Public Safety radio services free for more critical tasks. Amateur Radio is also well suited to provide communications infrastructure, which can be used as a replacement for failed public communications infrastructure. Amateur Radio can provide communications services to non-governmental organizations, such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Reserve Medical Corps or National Weather Service in time of disaster.

