

# Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service



## *Amateur Radio is...*

More than 800,000 U.S. radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Amateur Radio is not Citizen's Band (CB) or Family Service Radio (FRS).

## *ARES is...*

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service, a volunteer radio communications service available to Federal, state, county, and local governments, as well as non-profit organizations.

## *Cupertino ARES is...*

More than 80 of your neighbors who have organized to provide reliable primary and backup communication to the City of Cupertino, other city agencies, and the community when needed.

## *In the public service*

- We are a volunteer organization made up of licensed amateur radio operators who live or work in Cupertino. We have voluntarily registered our qualifications and equipment for public service communications duty when disaster strikes.
- We serve the community without compensation of any kind.
- We vary in age (high school students to retirees), interests, and occupations.
- The only requirements for CARES membership are (i) an Amateur Radio license and (ii) an interest in serving the community.

## *Our mission*

The mission of CARES is to maintain and train amateur radio volunteers capable of providing professional emergency communications, increasing the City's emergency response effectiveness, and speeding the recovery effort.

## *What we do*

- Provide the city with an initial assessment of damage and casualties from Cupertino neighborhoods to help the City focus their response during a disaster
- Provide backup communications when regular communications resources break down or are overwhelmed
- Handle message, information, command, and liaison radio traffic for CARES served agencies
- Provide a city-wide creek watch during severe weather
- Provide communications for community service events and activities
- Conduct training and drills as necessary to accomplish our mission

## *Why CARES works*

CARES members pride themselves on their professionalism.

We are "amateurs" only by virtue of volunteering our time, skill, and equipment (at no cost to Cupertino residents) to help our city, community, and neighbors in time of need.



## *Interested in Membership?*

CARES is open to all Cupertino residents holding a valid FCC-issued Amateur Radio license. There are no annual dues or fees. The only requirement for CARES membership is an Amateur Radio license and a desire to serve your community.

## *Have an Amateur Radio License?*

Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:45 PM for our regularly scheduled VHF net on 147.570 MHz simplex,

or...

Attend our membership meeting on the first Thursday evening of each month at the Cupertino City Hall. Check in at the Tuesday night nets for time or changes.

## *Don't have a License?*

Self-study books and material are available at several local stores. Amateur Radio classes are also periodically offered throughout the Bay Area.

For more information, contact us at:

[CARES@cupertino.org](mailto:CARES@cupertino.org)

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emergency communications  
in times of need*

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