

How Can You Participate?

If you hold a current Technician's license or better, and are willing to be part of a key communications network during disaster situations, this may be the most rewarding job you were never paid to do.

Experienced and novice amateur radio operators are invited to contact the ESCA office (425-776-3722) for more information.

Don't have a license but want to get one? We can help you with that, too.

**Contact
ESCA
for details!**

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**FCC-licensed amateur radio
operators help save
lives!**

**RACES operators are
indispensable for
emergency
communications.**

**Serve your community.
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on YOU?**

RACES – WHAT IT IS

Formed by the FCC in 1952, the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is a public service that provides city governments with amateur radio operators to assist with emergency communications when normal public service radio is out of service or overwhelmed by high traffic volume.

In the Cities of Brier, Edmonds, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Woodinville and the Town of Woodway, the RACES program is administrated by the Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA).



RACES and ESCA

Emergency Services Coordinating Agency is a local government emergency management organization that supports the disaster response activities of nine cities in Snohomish and King Counties.



An earthquake, winter storm, or technological disaster may interrupt city telephone and cell phone service and overwhelm fire and police department radios. In the first days after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the entire New Orleans communications infrastructure, “ham” radio operators were the first communicators “on the air” coordinating the operations and logistics of arriving rescue teams.

Photos

Left and right columns: RACES members provide communications in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Center column: Handheld-type amateur band radio



Someday, disaster will strike near our homes.

Over sixty ESCA-trained volunteer radio operators will staff radio stations at city Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) as well as Stevens Hospital and the 911 dispatch center. They will transmit vital radio messages related to disaster response operations between our cities and the ESCA EOC.

ESCA RACES may provide communication support for shelters and medical treatment areas as well as other disaster field operations.