

Seal Beach/Los Alamitos RACES



Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is a FEMA sponsored public service provided by trained and dedicated amateur radio operators that provides analog and digital communications to government agencies in times of extraordinary need (when all else fails).

For well over 100 Years Amateur Radio Operators have provided emergency communication when disasters strike; Tornadoes, Floods, Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Fires and a host of other emergency needs "when all else fails". Although there are a myriad of communication tools available such as Cell Phones, the Internet, landlines etc. facts such as the failure of other emergency tools during the Northridge and the Humboldt County Earthquakes, and San Bernardino Snow Storms of 2023 are a testimony of how Amateur Radio fills emergency communication needs.



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Who is RACES?

The Seal Beach / Los Alamitos RACES unit is jointly administered by the Los Alamitos and Seal Beach Police Departments. The Unit consists of a group of more than a dedicated dozen FCC licensed amateur radio operators who volunteer their time, talents and energy to our communities.

Our RACES Unit provides a pool of trained emergency communications personnel along with communication (both analog and digital) tools that can be called on in a time of need.

After safety, RACES operations include two main areas:

- Emergency message handling on Amateur Radio Service frequencies
- Observing and reporting on local conditions during an emergency.

What We Do

RACES provides emergency communication using a variety of communication methods to provide information to both the Los Alamitos and Seal Beach police departments along with city emergency coordinators in the event other communication methods have failed or are impaired.

Our RACES Unit develops and maintains our communication abilities and readiness by attending weekly net check-ins, bimonthly meetings, planning special exercises and supporting various public service events.

For example, our Seal Beach / Los Alamitos RACES Unit supports the community annual National Night Out and ShakeOut events and participates in county, state and national drills and programs.

State of the art communications



Tools We Use

RACES use several tools for communicating during a major emergency. Included in these tools are area repeaters, the Winlink application which allows us to send emails over amateur radio frequencies, and numerous digital applications connected to the countywide ARDEN Mesh network which uses strategically placed NODES and provides live video feeds, voice and network communications between our police departments and county facilities using Amateur Radio Internet, Amateur Radio Telephone and video conferencing.

Already Licensed?

- Check-in on our weekly net held most Wednesday nights at 7:30 P.M. on 449.300 (-), PL 141.3
- Contact us: Team@RACES41.com
- Visit our website RACES41.com