

**INFORMATION...
QUESTIONS?**

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If you want to register now, complete the information below and mail to the address at the bottom of the form or e-mail the information to:

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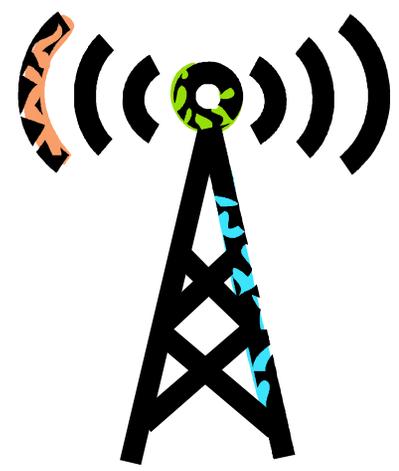
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**EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES**

**APPLE
VALLEY**



E.C.S.



Town of Apple Valley

**Apple Valley Fire
Protection District**



WHAT IS E.C.S.?



E.C.S. —

Emergency Communications Service — is a group of licensed amateur HAM radio operators who want to assist local government during times of emergency or disaster.

In Apple Valley, the Emergency Communications Services group consists of volunteers who are registered as Disaster Service Workers to provide public safety communications support. Administration and management of the group is through the Apple Valley Office of Emergency Services.

E.C.S. is just one of three Disaster Service Worker volunteer groups in Apple Valley. The other two are C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) and F.A.D.D. (Friends of Animals During Disasters).

WHAT DOES E.C.S. DO?

While the nature of activations may be different, the common thread for E.C.S. is communications support. This necessitates the use of the operator's own radio equipment, in addition to understanding the communications system used in the Emergency Operations Center and the Incident Command Post.

When there is an interruption in communications during an emergency, message handling among various public safety agencies and critical locations will be managed by E.C.S. The group is also responsible for maintaining the Mobile Command Post bus and its readiness for use during an incident.

In Apple Valley, E.C.S. participates in various community events throughout the year, such as Secret Santa, safety fairs, public education, and disaster preparedness events and drills.



QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

An E.C.S. volunteer shall:

1. Be a licensed amateur radio operator.
2. Have 2-meter capabilities.
3. Be at least 18 years of age.
4. Attend meetings regularly.
5. Check in to a weekly radio net to check equipment and receive information.
6. Be available for call-outs and special assignments.
7. Be willing to attend training and, at a minimum, complete:
 - Incident Command System 100 (ICS 100)
 - National Incident Management System (IS-700 NIMS)
 - Introduction to Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)



Volunteers should have the desire to provide a public service and be willing to help when it is needed most — during a disaster!