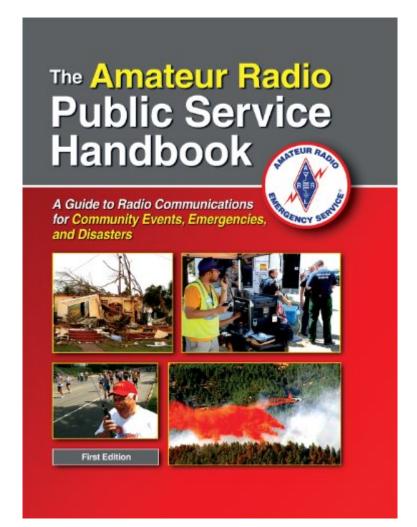
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# The Amateur Radio Public Service Handbook





## Synopsis

Amateur Radio has consistently been the most reliable means of communications when other systems have failed. Hams work closely with disaster relief agency officials from FEMA, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other response organizations to offer wireless communications aid. From wildfires and earthquakes to marathons and road races, when getting the message through is critical, ham radio works. The Amateur Radio Public Service Handbook is for all hams that volunteer their time and skill to serve their communities. It provides knowledge needed for communicating quickly and effectively during disasters, emergencies, and community events, as well as an opportunity to learn more about the Amateur Radio Service and its unique role in supporting the public. About ARRL: Founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim, ARRL (American Radio Relay League) is the national association for Amateur Radio in the US. Today, with more than 161,000 members, ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the world. ARRL's mission is based on five pillars: Public Service, Advocacy, Education, Technology, and Membership.

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This is a good overview of Public Service type services the ham could provide. It is also a basic overview of other agencies that you might interface with or want to join to step up your game. Not too deep for the new ham to understand. I could be used for a class to teach the basic understanding of Service to the Public. I would have liked to have had it in a 3 ring binder format so it could be easily updated or in a digital format that would allow updating online.

This is a good introduction to Pubic Service. But there is not much training in the book. Would like to have seen at least a few chapters in the NIMS and FEMA. They do introduce you to the ARES training program and suggest arternering with CERT. The coverage of the EOC seems a little dated but maybe there are some that outdated elsewhere in the country. The training they do cover is pretty basic but still useful. There are a lot of illustrations and good ideas and suggestions on the topics covered. The focus is more on Public Service Events and not Emergency Commutations and it does a good job at that.

Well written, concise, easy to follow and task specific. Provides good info regarding the interfacing of Amateur Radio and Emergency Services operations as well as some good to know tips that you will pick up during your read. A definite must for anybody thinking about working ARES or Emergency Communications.

As a new Ham radio orperator I need help in forming messages to be sent and received via radio. This book has all the information needed and also directs one to where to get extra schooling via FEMA and other Government agencies.

An upgrade to the earlier ARRL's Emergency Communications book, this emphasizes the SERVICE side of amateur radio. Good discussions on who we serve, and how we might serve them, both in emergency and non-emergency situations.

If you are into EMCOMM or just Ham radio, this book is one of the best the ARRL puts out. I have been disappointed with many of their books, not enough information or too general, this book is worth buying.

This book is part of the series of excellent reference books from the ARRL. As with almost all of the

books from the ARRL, it is well written and speaks at the proper level for the intended audience. Highly recommended.

A book with some overlap with the Emergency Communications Handbook, but much more emphasis on both served agencies, and for public service. It used the Boston Marathon as a guide to how Ham radio operates in conjunction with the various State and local agencies. I am involved with a local CERT ,ARES, Red Cross volunteer, and as a Evacuation Shelter Manager, and found it most useful.

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