

## “What can a METERS Membership mean to me?”

In providing communications during disasters & emergencies when other communications are not working or are simply overloaded.

This is why having a trained pool of Amateur Radio operators standing by, ready to help in the case of an emergency, is so important.

In this post-9/11 world, simply having a volunteer spirit along with a HAM radio license will not guarantee you acceptance into the inner circle of rescue workers & other volunteers. Many agencies now require volunteers to be trained in emergency procedures, and as such, possess the credentials to prove you can be entrusted to maintain a high level of professionalism and security in time of crisis. It is through a METERS Membership that you can most readily gain this additional training... thereby becoming a more valuable emergency volunteer!



As a result of this need many of the emergency preparedness agencies around the Middle East Tennessee region have turned to METERS on many occasions to help them in staffing emergency communications posts. They have come to realize that METERS members consistently demonstrate the latest procedures and practices their agency requires in an emergency situation.

The Middle East Tennessee Emergency Radio Service, Inc. is a designated 501c3 not-for-profit service organization and is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League



In addition to being a very enjoyable hobby... amateur radio can also play a very important role in emergency communications. Hams are well known for their role

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# METERS

Middle East Tennessee Emergency Radio Service, Inc.



## Who we are...

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## What we do...

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## How YOU can Participate!

The mission of METERS is to train and educate participating Amateur Radio operators - and others - to provide quality, and proficient auxiliary communications to served agencies, for a variety of emergency situations and special events.

METERS Nets are on 146.940 Mhz  
Sunday 10pm, Monday 7pm  
Tuesday 9pm & Wednesday 9pm

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## An Area-Wide Effort...

In general, METERS serves Knox County, Blount County, Anderson County of East Tennessee and the counties that border these core areas. Members trained in emergency communications procedures respond to emergencies when called by any of our served agencies

Some of the agencies who have benefited from METERS volunteerism include:



## Who we are...

METERS is an umbrella organization composed of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), Radio Amateurs Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and unaffiliated amateur radio operators, who are dedicated to public service through the use of Amateur Radio..

## What we do...

The goal of METERS is to produce trained operators, following the guidelines set forth by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), of which METERS Inc. is an affiliated organization.

METERS members consistently train on emergency communications procedures, utilizing the American Radio Relay League's "EmComm" Courses, which are part of the League's Certification & Continuing Education Program. Other training topics have included courses offered by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, regarding Incident Command Procedures, and hazardous weather spotter training from the National Weather Service... just to name a few!

## How YOU can participate?

If you are already a HAM radio operator, the next step is simple. Join METERS, Inc. Any current member of METERS can show you how. Then, you will need to equip yourself for an emergency. It could be as simple as owning an HT, along with some accessories and extra batteries... or as complex as owning a mobile rig in your vehicle with band specific antennas. You can learn more at a METERS meeting, where members routinely display & demonstrate emergency rigs. You could also tune into one of our training nets, to see how simple and enjoyable emergency communications can be, through the use of Amateur Radio. Through METERS you will learn the basics of the Incident Command System, how it works, and why it is important. You will also learn how to prepare yourself & your equipment for emergencies, and how to prepare your family for emergencies as well.

If you're NOT an amateur radio operator, but have an interest in emergency communications, then METERS can help there too! METERS routinely offers basic HAM Radio classes to help you study for the entry-level amateur test. This is the first step in getting you officially licensed by the FCC as an Amateur Radio Operator.



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