Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM)

25-26 February 2023
0800-1700 (CST)

Sauk Valley Community College
173 IL-2, Dixon, IL 61021

The Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) course trains amateur radio operators to serve as auxiliary communicators during all-hazards emergency operations or planned events. Since 2011, the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency Emergency Communications Division (CISA ECD) has conducted AUXCOMM courses across the nation and trained more than 3,700 students in this course.

Description

This course is designed for auxiliary communicators who volunteer to provide backup emergency communications support to "public safety" agencies. Volunteer communications operators/groups, using amateur radio, and other communications platforms, have been providing emergency backup communications to the public safety sector for over 100 years. Event planners, public safety officials, and emergency managers at all levels of government utilize their services. Often, AUXCOMM services have been used when other forms of communications have failed or have been significantly disrupted. Today, nearly every states/territory has incorporated some level of participation by AUXCOMM personnel into their TICPs and SCIPs.

This course focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, the relationship between the COML and AUXC volunteers, emergency operations center (EOC) etiquette, on-the-air etiquette, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations, auxiliary communications training and planning, and emergency communications deployment. The course is intended to supplement and standardize a volunteer operator's experience and knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in a public safety context. Course materials and the AUXC Position Task Book will be provided to students via digital download prior to the course start date.

This course is two days long (up to 10 hours each day) and is limited to 30 students.

Class Prerequisites

To attend this course, applicants must have the following prerequisites:
- An active FCC amateur radio license
- Past experience in auxiliary emergency communications
- A desire to work with COMLs in a NIMS/ICS environment
- An affiliation with a public safety agency

- Completion of the following **FEMA** training courses:
    - IS-100, Introduction to the ICS
    - IS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Incidents
    - IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction
    - IS-800, National Response Framework (NRF), an Introduction

Course Dates and Location

This AUXCOMM course is offered 25-26 February 2023 at the Sauk Valley Community College at 173 IL-2 in Dixon. There is no charge for this training, and course materials will be provided by CISA ECD. All travel/per diem costs are the responsibility of the individual student.

Registration

To RSVP contact **Brian Burghgrave** at **burggravebp@gmail.com**.

Once applicants have reserved a seat with Brian Burghgrave they should submit a copy of their current FCC amateur license with scanned copies of all prerequisite Certificates of Completion, for IS prerequisite courses, to **John Nebl** at **John.N9MYC@gmail.com**. The four required prerequisite Independent Study Courses are listed at the top of this page.

Copies of prerequisite documentation which verify applicants have met the prerequisites and are eligible to participate in the course must be submitted and reviewed at least ten (10) days prior to the course start date.

Registration is not complete until all documentation has been received and verified by **John Nebl**. Admittance is limited to 30 qualified applicants. **John Nebl** will notify applicants when they are registered.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **John Nebl** at **John.N9MYC@gmail.com.**

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