



SATERN

Now that you have your callsign and you've begun to experience the magic of amateur radio, are you thinking about doing something meaningful with this wonderful hobby? If so, SATERN (**Salvation Army Emergency Team Amateur Radio**) is looking for you!

SATERN is an international organization dedicated to providing emergency communications services in times of need. Using their radios, general communication skills, knowledge of emergency preparedness and disaster procedures—and their willingness to be of service to others—SATERN members the world over are there to help. Remember Hurricanes Mitch, Katrina, Rita and others? SATERN volunteers were “there”-- either on site or in their own “shacks” giving damage assessments, passing health-and-welfare information in both directions, assisting Salvation Army professionals and volunteers in a variety of ways. SATERN was “there” on 9/11, too, at Ground Zero and at the Pennsylvania crash site. Fires, floods, tornadoes, plane crashes—local disasters call for SATERN assistance, too. But not all SATERN occasions involve tragedy. SATERN volunteers also assist with happy events such as Salvation Army Christmas parties, parades and the like.

SATERN members participate in a variety of ways, using every amateur mode available. Depending on the circumstances, SATERN volunteers may shadow Salvation Army personnel at disaster sites, using their HTs to provide instant, reliable communications with Emergency Operation Centers, headquarters, or others in the field. SATERN members at home might track the progress of relief vehicles using APRS and other modes. Using packet, RTTY or other digital modes, SATERN volunteers at shelters might send manifests of residents or requests for food and medicines. SATERN members often travel with Salvation Army canteens providing nourishment to victims and first responders. SATERN members follow up on health-and-welfare inquiries. SATERN members serve on the spot as well as from afar.

To be a SATERN volunteer, all you need is a valid amateur license--and a desire to help. You do not need to be a member of the Salvation Army and you do not need any special equipment, training or experience. Daily HF nets, SATERN newsletters and training materials will provide the skills you need to participate in this worthwhile amateur radio activity. By the way, SATERN is not an exclusive organization—SATERN members typically also participate in ARES/RACES operations.

SATERN broadens your horizons, not limits them. Because there is worldwide need, SATERN has worldwide members!

For more information on joining SATERN, contact Major Pat McPherson, WW9E, P.O. Box1447, Midland, MI, 48641

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