



STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION
BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AND THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

The *Department of Homeland Security (DHS)* and the *American Radio Relay League (ARRL)* view community disaster preparedness and response as top priorities for their respective organizations and for the American people. As such, our organizations have come together to provide mutual support for *Citizen Corps*.

Under the direction of *DHS*, *Citizen Corps* is a community-based initiative to engage all citizens in homeland security and community and family preparedness through public education and outreach, training opportunities, and volunteer programs. Programs under the *Citizen Corps* umbrella include federally sponsored programs and other activities that share the goal of helping communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to terrorism, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. It encourages all Americans to take an active role in building safer, stronger, and better-prepared communities.

ARRL is a non-commercial membership association of radio amateurs organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation, for the establishment of networks to provide communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies, for the advancement of the public welfare, and for the representation of the Radio Amateur in legislative and regulatory matters. *ARRL* is the principal organization representing the interests of the more than 650,000 U.S. Radio Amateurs. Because of its organized emergency communications capability, *ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)* can be of valuable assistance in providing critical and essential communications during emergencies and disasters when normal lines of communication are disrupted. *ARRL* conducts emergency communications training and certifies proficiency in emergency communications skills.

Together *DHS* and the *ARRL* agree to work collaboratively to:

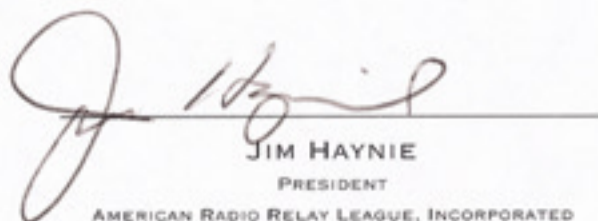
- Raise public awareness about the use of Amateur Radio as a public safety resource;
- Provide training and accreditation for Amateur Radio Emergency Communications;
- Promote the formation of local *Citizen Corps Councils* and assist these Councils with providing public education, training and volunteer service opportunities that support first responders, disaster relief organizations, and community safety efforts;
- Publicly acknowledge the affiliation of *Citizen Corps* and the *ARRL*, which may include website links, co-logos on publications, and references in printed materials, including articles and news releases;
- Coordinate their respective activities to further their shared mission; and
- Keep each other informed of activities conducted in support of *Citizen Corps* and to provide an annual report summarizing those activities.

On this 21st day of June 2003, both parties enter into this agreement in good faith and agree to pursue the shared mission as stated.


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