

### **Sample class announcement**

Subject: Ham Radio License Class Scheduled for September 26-27

Once again, this is Keith Bridges calling CQ CQ CQ.  
Calling CQ on the ham radio bands means you want to talk to any station anywhere that might be listening.

I am a team leader on the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) for Collin County. And, I am an Amateur Radio operator with an Extra Class license. Other radio operators, known as hams, know me by my ham radio call sign KE5WH.

You have received this email because several of the DAT members, Red Cross volunteers and staff have expressed an interest in becoming a licensed Amateur Radio operator. I have scheduled a ham radio class to be taught by Allan R. Batteiger (WB5QNG) at the Dallas Area Chapter office for September 26-27. In just one evening and a Saturday, you will walk out of the upcoming training session having completed all the requirements for a Technician Class Amateur Radio license. The 35-question multiple-choice exam will be given on Saturday afternoon by a group of local volunteer examiners, including me, who are all Amateur Radio operators themselves. A Morse code test is no longer required. After you pass the test, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC [http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=service\\_home&id=amateur](http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=service_home&id=amateur)) will then send you your very own ham radio call sign. To register for the class please go to <http://www.rtsi.com/~WB5QNG/inforequest.html> and submit the form.

My telephone number is 972-213-5599, if you need to discuss the class.

The passing rate of the 18-student class that Allan recently taught in ARC McKinney Branch was a fabulous 100% and included Jack and Debi Ferguson, Eric Shih, Jim Rice and Ina Bostick. They now all hold Technician Class Amateur Radio licenses.

Technician Class ham operators are authorized to use all amateur VHF and UHF frequencies. These are the frequencies that we will use to talk between the Dallas Area Chapter, the disaster operations vehicles, walkie-talkies and the branch offices during disaster incidents. You will also be licensed to operate through the local ham repeaters, on a portion of the amateur shortwave (HF) bands and even through the Amateur Radio satellites. This could be the beginning of an exciting, new hobby for you.

The FCC established the Amateur Radio Service as a voluntary, non-commercial radio communications service that allows licensed operators to improve their communications and technical skills, while providing the nation with a pool of trained radio operators and technicians who can provide essential communications during emergencies.

As a Technician Class licensee, you can become a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, (ARES <http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/bye?http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pscm/>), an organization of amateur radio operators who train to provide communications during emergencies for several national, non-profit emergency agencies, FEMA and many state and local emergency management organizations. As a member of ARES, you may want to participate in SKYWARN <http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/bye?http://www.skywarn.org/activities>

of this team of highly trained volunteers who act as weather spotters for the National Weather Service (NWS <http://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>).

For more information regarding Amateur Radio, take a look at the "What is Ham Radio?" <http://www.hello-radio.org/whatis.html> page on the American Radio Relay League (ARRL <<http://www.arrl.org/>>) website. There is also a lot of good Amateur Radio information on the two ham-related websites qrz.com <<http://www.qrz.com>> and eham.net <<http://www.eham.net>>.

I hope you are able to take advantage of this opportunity to become involved in emergency communications. Remember, to register for the class go to <http://www.rtsi.com/~WB5QNG/inforequest.html> and submit the form.

I look forward to seeing you at the training session!

73s (That's ham talk for "Best Wishes"),  
Keith. KE5WH

**Another example:**

Dallas Office of Emergency Management

This email was sent to All City of Dallas Employees and CERT members. In a message dated 7/23/2008 3:41:00 P.M. Central Daylight Time, cassandra.wallace@dallascityhall.com writes:

Good Afternoon:

Please see message below from the gentleman that teaches the Amateur Radio Technician Class (HAM Radio). This is a great opportunity for CERT Members!

Please let me know if you are interested (instead of signing yourself up) in taking the class - we have some funds earmarked for a few participants.

Greetings,

You are receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in Amateur Radio Classes. I have recently added a new class at the Red Cross HQ in Dallas TX (near downtown on Harry Hines Blvd). This class will be September 26/27 this is a Friday Evening / All Day Saturday class. Also there is a class scheduled in Plano Oct 18/19. This is a Saturday / Sunday class. I am also working on filling up the schedule for the rest of this year so there will be more classes coming up.

To sign up for a class or to contact me for more information about hosting a class. Please go to <http://www.wb5qng.org>

Thank you.  
Allan R. Batteiger WB5QNG

# Amateur Radio Technician License Class

## Date and Time:

Saturday  
10/18/08 8:00 AM — 5:00PM  
&  
Sunday  
10/19/08 12:00PM — 5:00PM

## Location:

City of Plano Municipal Center  
1520 Ave K  
Plano TX 75074  
Training Room A

***Anyone can become a licensed amateur radio operator.***

There is no age limit. A technical background is NOT required. You don't even need to learn the Morse code!



# SIGN UP TODAY!

<http://www.rtsi.com/~WB5QNG/inforequest.html>

***Registration ends October 10, 2008 at 5:00PM***

### For more information contact:

Allan Batteiger  
(972) 672-0278 or [arb@rtsi.com](mailto:arb@rtsi.com)

- The class is taught over 2 days 10/18/2008 — 10/19/2008
- There is a \$50.00 fee which covers the cost of the ARRL License Manual and License Exam.
- Class size is limited to 30 students.

### Hosted By:

The City of Plano  
Community Emergency Response Team

