



Forsyth County AUXCOMM
AUXCOMM STATUS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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This document outlines AuxComm's status and responsibilities as volunteers, and also about the administrative structure regarding the Forsyth County AuxComm Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators.

AuxComm personnel are FCC-licensed Amateur Radio operators who have voluntarily registered their capabilities and equipment for emergency / disaster and public service communications. All Forsyth County AuxComm personnel are required to complete the NC State mandated ICS courses and requested to register in the NC State AuxComm data base. In North Carolina this serves as the RACES registry.

Under Federal regulations, Amateur Radio public service communications are furnished without compensation of any kind. All Forsyth County AuxComm personnel are federally licensed, receive no remuneration of any kind for their services, and in most cases, provide the equipment utilized at their own expense.

Forsyth County AuxComm functions under the Forsyth County AuxComm Member SOP which outlines the procedures for all personnel involved in AuxComm operations within the county. Forsyth County NC AuxComm operates all activates, emergency, disaster, training and public service events under the Incident Command System (ICS). There are several additional SOP's and Field Operations Guides that personnel should be familiar with. These are:

- AuxComm Net Control SOP
- AuxComm Digital Operations SOP
- AuxComm Public Information SOP
- SOP Annex
- Forsyth County AuxComm Field Operations Guide – FCAFOG
- National AuxComm Field Operations Guide – AuxFOG
- National Interoperability Field Operations Guide - NIFOG

As a Forsyth County AuxComm volunteer you are working for Forsyth County AuxComm and operate within the Forsyth County AuxComm SOP's and FCC regulations. You are not an employee of the served partners and have no authority to direct their operations or activities. Although we serve and operate strictly within their operational rules and regulations, we are not their employees.

Forsyth County AuxComm personnel are deployed to supported partners and other assignments as required. Supported partners with MOUs will have priority for Forsyth County AuxComm resources. (An MOU is a Memorandum of Understanding, which is a formal agreement among different agencies or entities, indicating an intended common line of action.)

Remember the following guidelines in all your ham-radio communications, but especially when you are operating as an AuxComm volunteer:

- Never interfere,
- Always be courteous, and,



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- If interference occurs, report the circumstances relating to interference to the AuxComm Coordinator.
- Never give out For Official Use Only information to persons without a direct need to know. If in doubt, ask the AuxComm Coordinator or AuxComm Staff.
- Restrict the use of repeater output frequencies for simplex communications to repeater outages, emergencies, or situations where specifically authorized by the repeater trustee.
- Follow the band plans for all HF, VHF and UHF Amateur Radio bands.

If you are intentionally interfered with on a simplex or repeater frequency, ignore the interference. Confrontation is what the interfering station wants. Ignore it, move on and report the circumstances with as much information as possible to the AuxComm Coordinator.

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