

WASHINGTON AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE:

Wishing to secure for us, and the community, the benefits of an association of individuals commonly interested in Amateur Radio, we constitute ourselves as the Washington Area Amateur Radio Club and enact this constitution as our governing law.

PURPOSE: Article I

It shall be the exclusive purpose of this club, here after referred to as WAARC, to provide emergency communication and disaster relief when and where needed, in the area that we serve. To educate our members and the public through structured training classes. To promote amateur radio by educating the non-amateur, through demonstrations, public displays and classes to teach amateur radio. Newly licensed amateurs will be assisted with technical problems and learn proper procedures through ongoing club training, net activities and drills. Members will be encouraged to use their individual expertise to improve current technical formats and investigate and implement new formats for amateur radio use. We will use our skills, knowledge, time and equipment to serve the public to the best of our ability in time of need at no charge.

Although the club has members, the primary outreach is to the public. This public outreach manifests itself through the WAARC' s community involvement with area law enforcement and emergency response organizations.

Other demonstrations of community involvement include participation in the Amateur Radio National Traffic System for emergency message handling. There is also a strong working involvement with the Amateur Radio Emergency System (ARES), which is dedicated to storm watch and tornado spotting activities for Southeast Iowa. A close working relationship is maintained with the city of Washington Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

MEMBERSHIP: Article II

All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and subject to the terms of the club as provided in the by-laws.

OFFICERS: Article III

Sec. 1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer.