

TAYLORSVILLE CERT-COMM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CURRICULUM
FOR MEMBERS OF THE TAYLORSVILLE HAMNET

City of Taylorsville Emergency Management and the Taylorsville HAMnet have developed this certification program to encourage participation in the Taylorsville HAMnet and promote readiness for emergency operations within the City of Taylorsville. Most importantly, however, this program is designed to prepare Amateur Radio resources to respond to a call for assistance by Taylorsville Emergency Management or other agencies and jurisdictions during real world emergencies. When operators complete the different certification levels, incident coordination staff will have a better understanding of what equipment and capabilities an operator has when reporting availability. Accordingly, they will more rapidly be able to assign appropriate resources to a given task or objective during incident operations.

CERTIFICATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS

The Taylorsville CERT-Comm Certification Program is designed as a progression of abilities that may be requested of communicators during incident operations. Following federal models, capabilities increase from large numbers indicating basic level of training and preparedness at Type IV culminating in the greatest level of training and preparedness, Type I. These certification levels include:

- **Type IV Station Operator – General membership**

By completing this most basic certification, operators demonstrate their capability to assist in emergency communications through federal licensure, acquisition of equipment and participation in Taylorsville HAMnet functions.

- **Type III Station Operator – Deployable Station**

A Type III Station Operator demonstrates familiarity with the Taylorsville CERT organization and procedures and demonstrates the ability to deploy to assist with CERT activities. They also show a commitment to contributing to the Amateur Radio community by assuming responsibility in Taylorsville HAMnet functions.

- **Type II Station Operator – Net Control Station**

In preparation for establishing an emergency communications net, a Type II Station Operator will have demonstrated the ability to manage radio traffic during an established communications net and appropriately direct the activities of all the stations participating.

- **Type I Station Operator – Program Coordinator**

As a highly committed participant, a Type I Station Operator will have demonstrated the capacity to fill any position needed for emergency and non-emergency operations (deployable communications resource, shadow station, Net Control Station, etc.) through participating in and offering training. They have obtained a familiarity with emergency communications and operations plans created by City of Taylorsville Emergency Management.

The program also includes endorsements for operators who have acquired special equipment and demonstrated the capability to operate their equipment. These endorsements may be completed at any point after an operator has completed the Type IV certification. Program endorsements include:

- **Packet Station**
- **High Frequency (HF) Station**

TASK BOOKS AND CERTIFICATION TRACKING FORMS

Any operator desiring to participate in this certification program will be issued a task book containing all of the certification tracking forms. These task books are only to be initiated by any of the following, as of June 15, 2016:

- **Taylorsville HAMnet Officers**
 - President – Rulon Swensen, K7BTU
 - Vice President – Dick True, W7SAE
 - Trustee – Rulon Holyoak, AC7GR
- **Taylorsville CERT-Comm Coordinator**
 - Doug Davis, AD7LO
 - Roger Graves, AE7RG
- **City of Taylorsville Emergency Manager**
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Requirements for each certification will be sorted into five focuses: prerequisites, equipment, training, participation and practical application. The operator is responsible to track his/her own progress and present the record for final approval. Requirements for all certification levels may be completed at any time (beginning January 1, 2016), but *all* requirements for a specific certification must be completed before a Taylorsville HAMnet Officer, CERT-Comm Coordinator or Emergency Manager for the City of Taylorsville is able to approve the certification.

MAINTENANCE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

To assure certified operators retain the skillsets acquired and refined through the completion of assignments in this task book, they will be required to complete additional tasks after to maintain this certification. The maintenance tasks will be congruent with the highest level of certification obtained by the operator and will cover training, participation and practical application. All tasks must be completed after the issuance of the certificate and within one year of initiation of the maintenance tracking sheet.

QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Any questions about or recommendations for improving this program are to be directed to any of the following:

- **Taylorsville HAMnet Officers**
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