

HAM CRAM

A ONE DAY AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE CLASS WITH EXAM

As a public service the Lake County RACES/ARES Organization will hold a free one day "HAM CRAM" course on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 1303 N. Milwaukee Ave. Libertyville, IL 60048 beginning at 8:30 am, with a lunch break, 12:00 am - 12:45 pm., followed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) examination at 4:30 pm.

Those involved in emergency work are encouraged to obtain an Amateur Radio License, as many times Amateur Radio is the only immediate working communications after a severe emergency.

With a FCC Technician Class License, one may participate in Amateur Radio and have full privileges at all frequencies above 50 MHz and a number of privileges on lower frequencies. Full privileges include VHF & UHF repeaters, all of the new digital modes, HAM satellites and local Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).

The course will provide participants with everything they need to know to pass the FCC Technician License exam. The course makes no attempt to go beyond the minimum required by the FCC. If the student reviews Ohm's Law algebra ($E=I \cdot R$), and obtains and reviews any current Amateur Radio Technician Class License Manual before coming, experience indicates that most will be able to obtain their FCC Technician License in one class day. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Study Manual is available at <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=9639> for \$24.95 plus shipping.

For additional study on-line practice exams are available from a number of sources. To view them, please follow any one of these three links: <http://www.grz.com/testing.html> or <http://www.eham.net/exams/> or <http://aa9pw.com/radio/>.

The course is free. The independent exam fee as set by the FCC will be \$15.00. Two forms of identification (at least one must have your photograph) will be required to take the examination. Bring a basic calculator, use of cellular phones and PDAs will not be permitted during the test. The examiners will provide participants with on the spot test results.

If you want to obtain an FCC Amateur Radio License and become a HAM this is an easy way. Seating is limited to 20 (twenty) you must register on line at www.races.org If you have questions please contact Dave Pritchard (W9QL) at w9ql(at)att.net or call 847-543-0508.

Thank You,

The Lake County RACES/ARES Organization www.races.org