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## **LAKE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO GROUP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

*Libertyville, Illinois, January 3, 2005* --At the January 3<sup>rd</sup> general membership meeting of the Lake County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) the Board Members are now in position to begin the New Year strong.

### **The 2005 Board Members are:**

Bernie Moritz - K9BHM; Radio Officer  
Don Whitney - K9DRW; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Radio Officer and Emergency Coordinator (EC)  
Bruce Becker – N9VID; 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Radio Officer and SKYWARN Officer  
Jim Nelson – K9QF; 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Radio Officer and Equipment Supervisor  
Dave Pritchard – W9QL; Board Member  
George Slominski – W9AUM; Board Member  
John Rice – K9IJ; Board Member  
Jack Pawlowski – W9FUL; Repeater Trustee  
Dave Hartnett – K9DRM; Secretary  
Don Bolstad – K9DEB; Treasurer

According to Radio Officer Bernie Moritz, “I’m really lucky to have such an experienced group to work with”. We are going into 2005 with our membership growing, and we have to offer them things to grow with. The training activity focus last year was Emergency Management, for 2005 we are going to concentrate on various radio technologies that we could use.” We will also be participating in up coming annual events such as: Severe Weather Training for Spotters; Des Plaines River Canoe Race; Lake Zurich Triathlon & 5/10 k runs; Condel 5/10 k run; and a new event for this year, The Great Midwest Relay.

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is a public service that provides communications personnel to government agencies in times of extraordinary need. During periods of activation, RACES personnel are called upon to perform many tasks for the government agencies they serve. Although the exact nature of each activation will be different, the common thread is communications.

Although the FCC is responsible for the creation and regulation of RACES operations, administration of the service is the responsibility of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). FEMA is charged with the task of administrating the RACES groups because of its role in national disaster preparedness and disaster aid and recovery. Due to the structure of FEMA, each RACES group is, in turn, administrated by a local government agency responsible for disaster services. Lake County RACES (LCRACES) personnel are certified by the Lake County Sheriff’s Department/Emergency Management Agency (LCSD/EMA).

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For more information on the Lake County Emergency Management Agency, see their website at:  
<http://www.co.lake.il.us/sheriff/divisions/emergenc.asp>

For more information on the Lake County R.A.C.E.S. Group, please see their web site at:  
[www.races.org](http://www.races.org), or by email at: [lcraces@races.org](mailto:lcraces@races.org) .

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