

Seal Beach/Los Alamitos RACES Member Requirements (Rev4)

As previously discussed we are hereby updating the minimum requirements to be a Seal Beach/Los Alamitos RACES Member to comply with the latest FEMA Class updates. In addition to the following current requirements

1. Hold a valid Amateur Radio License.
2. ~~Passage of short on line FEMA Classes ICS-100b and ICS-700a.~~
3. A desire to help and get involved.
4. Able to pass a criminal background check.
5. Attend at least Three (3) Bi-Monthly Meetings per Year (we have six (6))
6. Participate in one (1) of the two (2) OC Wide RACES Drills per year
7. Check-in to the RACES Net on Wednesday nights, once per Month. If you're out of town for an extended period, you can meet this requirement by checking-in multiple times in the month preceding or after your absence.
8. Demonstrate proficiency using the ICS-213 Incoming and Outgoing Form. The best way to do this would be to participate in the twice per month Tech Net, copy the Message, and e-mail to Mike. Otherwise we might set up a training session some other time on the Radio. The idea here is to be proficient using the Forms **before** participating in the OC Wide RACES Drill or actual Activation.
9. Participate in one (1) other RACES Event during the Year, the "ARRL Field Day", "National Night Out", or some other Communications Drill.
10. And, of course, participate in an actual Activation, as needed.

We are adding the following **updated** requirements for new members:

- 2a. Passage of short on-line FEMA Classes ICS-100c and ICS-700b.

We'll determine that the individual Member meets these minimum requirements, once per year, based on the date of your RACES Application. This will be an Annual Review.

One other very important requirement is that the Seal Beach/Los Alamitos "RACES Members" are not permitted to belong to any other RACES organizations, and are expected to relinquish first-response membership in all other emergency communications organizations, to avoid conflicts during disaster call-ups. It is not the intent of the Seal Beach/Los Alamitos RACES group to call its Members away from other disasters to which they have a prior responsibility. Members must give 100-percent priority to the Seal Beach/Los Alamitos RACES group for all emergencies and disasters. The Seal Beach "Emergency Services Coordinator", or his designated Representative, will, however, have the ability to transfer cross-trained RACES Members to West County CERT as deemed necessary.

We are going to instigate a two (2) tier system for RACES Members. One tier of Membership will be called simply "RACES Members", Members who meet all of the above minimum requirements. The other tier will be called "RACES Auxiliary Members", Members who have **not** met all of the above minimum requirements but who have met the requirements of Items 1 thru 5 above and Item 8. This category of Membership will be mainly for CERT Communicators, or those Hams who would like to help out during an emergency or disaster from their individual neighborhoods, but don't feel comfortable being deployed to some other location within the Cities of Seal Beach or Los Alamitos or being Net Control from one of our EOC locations. During an actual Activation, FCC Rules require that any station communicating in RACES, must only communicate with other RACES stations.

"RACES Members" will enjoy all benefits of Membership, a "RACES Member" enhanced ID Badge, access to all RACES Equipment at 911, 820, Fire Station 48, and the Emergency Services Trailer as well as the RACES Radio Room at the Los Alamitos Police Department, the ability to wear the RACES Shirt and Hat, designated as "RACES Members" on the Website and access to the "Members Only" tab of the Website.

"RACES Auxiliary Members" will be issued the "RACES Auxiliary Member" ID Badge, must be accompanied by a "RACES Member" at 911, 820, Fire Station 48, the Emergency Services Trailer and the Radio Room at the Los Alamitos Police Department to operate any equipment, will not be able to wear the RACES Shirt and Hat, and will not have access to the "Members Only" tab of the Website.

We'll attach a "Current Member Participation" Excel Spreadsheet with our Bi-Monthly Meeting Minute Report.