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We Are  
**EMRG**  
Emergency Measures Radio Group

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Trained Volunteer Radio Operators Prepared to Provide  
Communications in an Emergency

### Who We Are

EMRG is a volunteer organization that acts as the interface between the Amateur radio community in Ottawa and the City of Ottawa Office of Emergency Management (OEM). It is through EMRG that the City would contact local radio operators for assistance in an emergency.

### Our Role

Our primary role is to provide radio communications to support humanitarian response in an emergency or disaster.

The three main humanitarian response groups in Ottawa are;

- City of Ottawa Community Services
- Ottawa Red Cross
- Salvation Army

These organizations do not have radio systems and normally rely on phones and cell phones for communications.

### Amateur Radio

Amateur radio (also known as Ham Radio) is a hobby based on radio communications. There are many aspects to the hobby, such as talking with people, trying to contact new people and places, communicating over distance, satellite communications, equipment design, computer-radio integration and software development.

EMRG is made up of the group of Amateurs who enjoy the hobby and also share an interest in Community Service.

### What We Provide

EMRG has three main functions:

- ❑ Organize Amateur volunteers;
- ❑ Train volunteers;
- ❑ Plan & prepare for emergencies

We have skilled, licensed radio operators, equipped with their own radios, as well as radio-equipped vehicles.

There are many frequencies available through amateur radio, so EMRG can establish multiple communications networks, each with their own frequency, for local or City wide communications.

Province wide or National communications can be provided using HF radios, which operate on frequencies similar to short wave.

**It takes more than  
a group of individuals  
who own radios to  
be useful in an  
emergency.**

**It takes an  
organized team!**

### ARES – Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) is the official National Organization for Amateur radio in Canada. RAC administers the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), promoting Amateur Radio emergency communications. EMRG is the ARES group for the City of Ottawa, also known as Ottawa ARES. There are two names, but one group, with one purpose.

### Our Service & Commitment

As you can see, EMRG can provide a vital service to our community during times of emergency or crisis. We are proud of our dedicated team, and look forward to continuing to work with our partners, the City of Ottawa, the Ottawa Red Cross and the Hospitals in Ottawa, to meet future challenges in our City.

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