



## Emergency Measures Radio Group

Ottawa ARES

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To who it may concern,

I am writing regarding the VHF and UHF repeaters operated by the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (OARC), under the callsign VE2CRA, located at Camp Fortune, Gatineau Quebec. The OARC repeaters are an important part of the operations plan for the Emergency Measures Radio Group (EMRG), the Amateur radio ARES group for the City of Ottawa.

The OARC repeaters are important for EMRG operations because they provide wide area coverage, are well maintained, and operate on a different power grid than Ottawa. In an emergency, multiple repeaters are required in order to provide radio coverage for the different groups we support. Mutual Aid with neighbouring Municipalities is also important and the OARC VHF repeater provides the capability to extend our reach into these areas.

The OARC makes their repeaters openly available for use by EMRG and their operation is confirmed on a monthly basis as part of our repeater tests. The repeater was last tested on May 2, 2010 as part of our community service work to support the CN Cycle Tour for CHEO. We use this public service event to help the community, and as one of the ways to exercise our communications capabilities. We regularly use VE2CRA in support of public service activities and consider these activities as important training for our members.

EMRG is part of the City of Ottawa Emergency Plan and we work closely with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) at the City. If you require any further information, or confirmation of our role and use of the OARC repeaters, I would be pleased to provide it. The use of the OARC repeaters is documented on the EMRG web site; <http://www.emrg.ca/repeaters.htm#emergencyrepeaters> .

Regards,

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