

Last year, the Recreation Center North (RCN) Ad Hoc committee and the Board of Directors approved a plan to re-model the RCN. The plan included establishment of an office area for co-location of the Communications Team with the Emergency Preparedness Committee's (EPC) Incident Commander.

As construction began last month on this project, the Four Seasons Amateur Radio Club initiated action to develop a proposal to equip the office with necessary communications gear and provide a recommendation on room layout for approval by the EPC, the Safety and Facilities Committee, the Finance Committee and finally the Board of Directors. Development of the proposal was assigned to a committee composed of Radio Club members. Several meetings have been held to determine basic requirements. A completed proposal could be ready for presentation as soon as the next EPC meeting in February. The committee's goal is to have an operational communications center in place by mid-May this year.

Having a communications center greatly augments our ability to provide emergency services to the 4Seasons community and Quick response to emergencies. Especially when time is of the essence.

As currently envisioned, the Center would provide the Four Seasons community with a relatively inexpensive, robust emergency communications capability on local, regional and national radio frequencies that would integrate well with current EPC actions and plans. We'll have more information on this project in March so, stay tuned!

Visit our website: W6FSB.COM; we meet in the Lodge at 10 AM on the last Friday of the month.

- Jim Peterson, K6JWP