



Amateur Radio Club

There are many reasons why it is a good idea to learn how to program and use the FRS radios we have in the Four Seasons Communications group.

The first and foremost would be for emergency reasons: earthquakes, floods, fires, any emergency in your home and you are alone, or away from your home.

If there is an earthquake, for example, we have EPP groups that would be in your neighborhood, trying to help with any casualties. Hopefully, you would belong to one of these many groups. Come to either the Neighborhood Watch meetings, or our monthly EPP meetings for more information on the different groups; volunteers are needed.

A main reason it would be good to know how to use the radios (in case of emergencies), is that cell phones and land lines could NOT be working. So these radios may be our only means of quick communication. Quickness and safety would be the key here. The fact that they allow immediate access to local hospitals and first responder service organizations, i.e. , those that can provide all types of assistance regardless of the situation. In addition, these radios communicate very well with our ham radio operators to expand the coverage area allowing for communication even in very remotest of areas.

There are other reasons, such as just good old fashioned fun. Taking them on trips with you for example. Perhaps you're traveling with a group, and you reach an area where there is no cell phone reception. Wouldn't it be great to be able to all connect up via radio, so no one gets lost?

Because our group consists of all volunteers with a desire and goals to help the community, being part of this group means you are actually giving back to the community while receiving a benefit as well. One of the main benefits that you receive is what is most important during an emergency, the fact that you

have the ability to take care of yourself, and your family first, and then, be in a position to help others.

Please consider being a part of our group, as we can always use more volunteer members. It is an opportunity to have fun while you're learning something new.

Our website is W6FSB.com, meetings are held in the ballroom on the last Friday of the month at 10 AM. – Judie Kaczoroski