
	EMERGENCY MEASURES RADIO GROUP
	OTTAWA ARES

Two Names - One Group - One Purpose

INFORMATION & STATUS UPDATES

THINGS TO DO IN 2009

- Re-organization of EMRG for future
- Step up to supporting Ottawa Red Cross
- Complete permanent radio sites (Red Cross & EOC), plus install Barrhaven UHF repeater



Signing New Agreement



- New 3 year agreement being prepared for signature in December
- Includes \$2000 funding per year to cover;
 - Internet access at OFS Dispatch
 - Ongoing battery replacement
 - Antenna replacement City Hall
 - Repeater replacement in Cumberland (VA3EMV/E)
 - Final payment West End repeater.



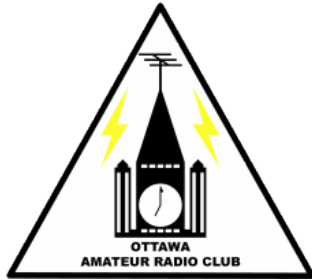
Joint Exercise



- John Ash, manager for Office of Emergency Management (OEM) wants a communications exercise with EMRG in the second half of 2009.
- Purpose of the exercise to allow Community Services and EMRG to better understand what is required and what EMRG can provide.
- EMRG partnership with the City continues to work well!! We are on the right path.

SKILLS & EQUIPMENT

- The most important resource for EMRG is people.
 - No Radio, Operating Experience or Technical skills required
- EMRG requires the same mix of skills that all organizations require.
 - It's more than just radio!
- Emergency Communications is about planned, tested and documented solutions.



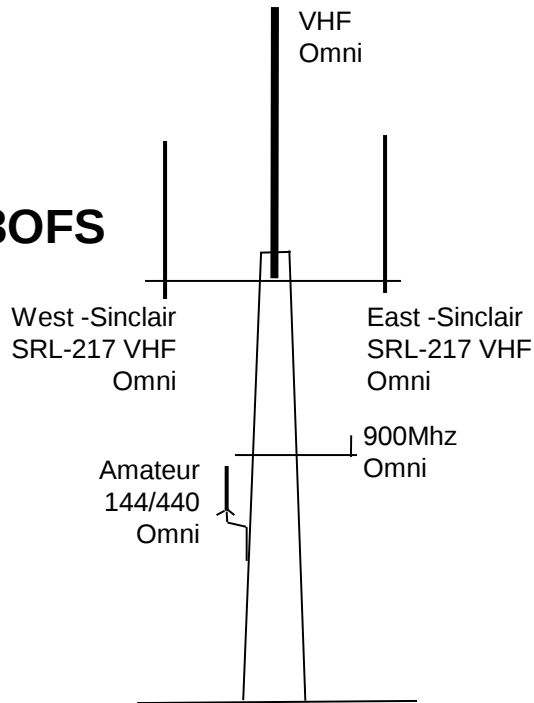
OARC SUPPORT

- The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (OARC) has always been a strong supporter of EMRG, but this year they asked how they can help more.
- The objective is to leverage the club capabilities to save work for EMRG.
 - This includes adding an article to the Groundwave newsletter and possible EMRG section on the Capital City Net.
- The OARC also added money to their help, by purchasing a new KPC3+ TNC (~\$300)

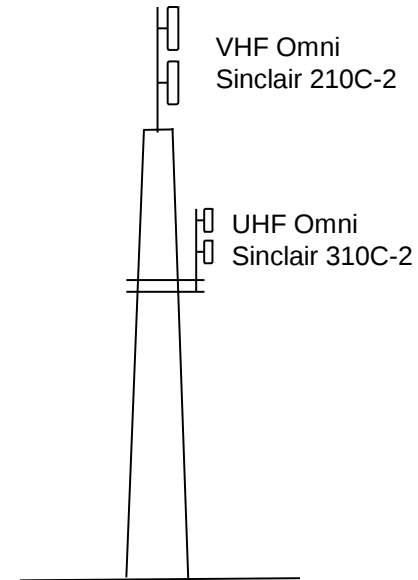
EMAIL LIST SERVER

- As of November 1, 2008 EMRG changed how emails are distributed to EMRG members.
- The new email list server is similar to what was previously used a few years ago.
- For those who are filtering email the group email will come from emrg@lists.ca
- For any other information contact Harold at [va3unk AT rac.ca](mailto:va3unk@rac.ca)

VA3OFS



EXISTING ANTENNAS



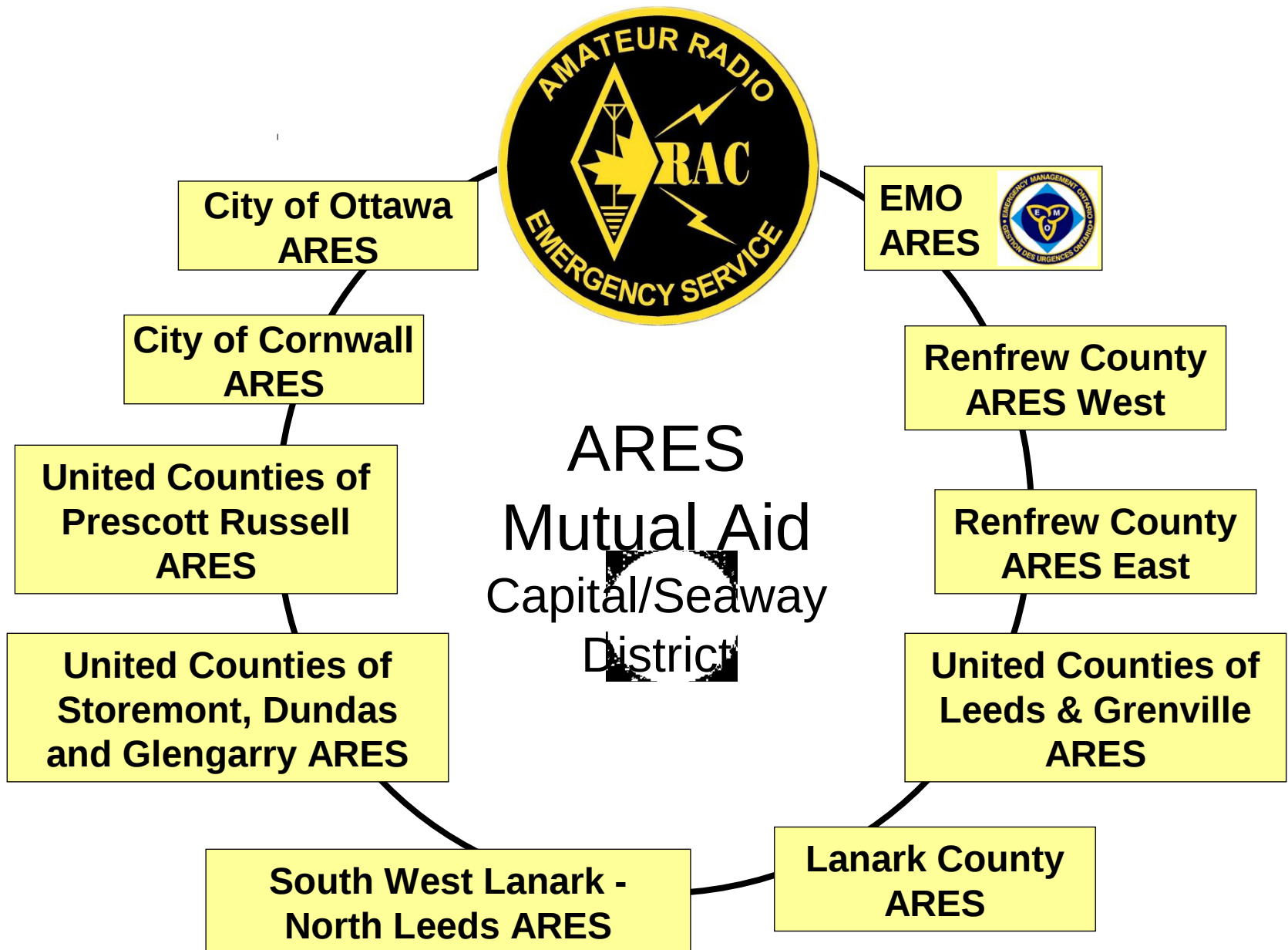
PROPOSED CHANGES

Tower Height: 80 feet
HASL: 110m

REPEATER USE POLICY

EMRG repeaters are open for use by anyone in the Amateur community under the following understanding;

- The purpose of the repeaters is for emergency communications, so EMRG has priority for exercises and emergencies.
- Conversations should be useful, Amateur radio related if possible and free from personal opinions.
- If the repeater is not working, tell someone. Notify any member of the EMRG management team, or send an email to ve3oce@rac.ca





WORK SESSIONS



- Next work session is Sat Dec 13, 8:30 – 12:00, at OFS Dispatch (1423 Randall Ave behind fire station 35)
- Work activity includes;
 - Install plywood in radio room and move cavities
 - Sort out equipment EMRG does not need and either put it in trash pile or “To Sell Pile”
 - Catalogue the “To Sell Pile”, and take pictures of each item
 - Remove file cabinet from storage area and move upright cabinet
 - Radio test on VHF to see which neighbouring ARES repeaters can be reached from OFS Dispatch.

UPCOMING RADIO EVENTS

- Collegeville (Dec 3,4)
 - Contact Mike Kelly VE3FFK
- Canadian Ski Marathon (Feb 7 & 8)
- Tour Nortel (May 3 ?)

www.emrg.ca

The EMRG web site provides information related to Amateur radio emergency communications, specifically as it relates to the City of Ottawa.

- Project Information
- Newsletters
- Upcoming Events
- Documentation
- Links to related information

Information: **planning @ emrg . ca**