

Public Service Communications

Join us for the weekly Public Service Communications (PSC) Net each Thursday, at 7:00 PM, on the Kauai Amateur Radio Club repeaters. A Fldigi transmission using mode MT-63 is made during the net. Operators that would like to be the Net Control Station (NCS) for a net, or for those that would like to do the Fldigi message transmission are always welcome. Contact Tad Miura at ZSSQ@Hotmail.Com for more information.

Fldigi Digital Messaging

The Fldigi suite of programs will be the primary method to transmit messages during times when the normal communication methods (Cell Phone, Landline, Internet) are compromised. Fldigi is much faster, and less prone to errors, than sending messages by voice. You will need these two programs - Fldigi and Flmsg. They are available for Windows, Mac, Linux, and Android computer operating systems, and are free to download at this site:

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/fldigi/files/?source=navbar> The Public Service Communications group holds practice sessions and are available to help you with the software configuration. Please email Tad at ZSSQ@Hotmail.Com if you require any assistance.

High Frequency (HF) ICS-205 Incident Radio Communications Plan

3.888 LSB, 5371.5 USB, 7.088 LSB, 7.080 USB (Skywarn)

(For VHF operation, please refer to the Simplex Plan at <http://kauaiamateurradioclub.org/Simplex%20Plan.pdf>)

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. ARES provides support normally to non-governmental agencies such as the American Red Cross.

Contact: Randy Blake – ARES District Emergency Coordinator, wh7zi@me.com

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)

Like ARES, these licensed amateur volunteers provide communication services in times of disasters. RACES amateurs provide support to governmental emergency management agencies such as the Kauai Emergency Management Agency and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. RACES members must be United States citizens.

Contact: Tad Miura - RACES Kauai Coordinator, zssq@hotmail.com

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Kauai CERT program trains citizens to be prepared for disasters, and to take care of themselves, family, friends, and neighbors when professional emergency responders cannot respond. The CERT program establishes volunteer teams to assist professional responders during major emergencies, provides emergency management resources, and provide opportunities and projects that improve Kauai's disaster resilience.

Contact: John Cornell - CERT Coordinator or Jason Poloa West Kauai CERT Coordinator at kfdcert@kauai.gov

Skywarn Spotters

Trained volunteers provide valuable information to NOAA's National Weather Service by reporting significant weather in their area. To learn more about the program see:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn/> or contact Tad Miura – Kauai Skywarn Amateur Radio Coordinator at zssq@hotmail.com or Randy Blake-Deputy Coordinator at wh7zi@me.com