Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties Public Service Communication Organization

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Your Help Is Requested:

The Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Counties Public Service Communications Organization (CCECPSCO) is seeking your help. We're a volunteer organization of Amateur Radio Operators who are committed to providing critical disaster communications. When professional emergency communications systems become disrupted or overloaded, when disaster strikes and you need to know if your family and friends are safe, when all else fails, the CCECPSO steps in to help out. You gracious support will help us to help our community in a time of need.

Amateur ("Ham") Radio has a long tradition of public service, stepping in to provide communications when conventional systems are unable to support the needs of a disaster recovery effort, or simply to support the communications needs of local community events. Hams have a unique ability to rapidly establish local and long-distance communications from virtually anywhere and to adapt to situations as they evolve. This capability is as important today as it was before satellites and cell phones. Commercial and professional communications systems are vulnerable to damage from weather, loss of power, and overload from high call volume at the very time when they are most needed. Time and time again, Hams have stepped in to help. The CCECPSCO is dedicated to carrying on this tradition of public service.

The CCECPSCO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public service organization of FCC licensed Amateur Radio volunteers. CCECPSCO volunteers train for, and participate in, emergency exercises with the professional emergency services. In addition to direct participation in high-profile full scale exercises, CCECPCO members attend classes and obtain the necessary certification to assist the professional emergency services in the Emergency Operations Centers or wherever needed. In the event of an emergency, caused by weather, accident, or malice, the CCECPSCO is prepared to provide communications assistance where normal communications are either overloaded or disrupted, and to deliver health and welfare messages into, and out of, the three county area.

The CCECPSCO installed and operates communications equipment in each of the three county Emergency Operations Centers and on board the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum. We also maintain an 18-foot mobile emergency communications trailer. Our trailer functions as a mobile communications command post which we are continuing to equip with an array of communications equipment, antennas, and systems capable of providing local, regional, and international voice and data communications for as long as required and wherever needed.

We ask you to help us continue to build and maintain this important capability through a donation to the CCECPSCO. We will prominently recognize your commitment to public service communications on the outside of our communications trailer and in various informational materials.

Sincerely,

Charles Scott, Pres, CCECPSCO

References and Information

Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Counties Public Service Communications Organization http://www.ccecpsco.org

Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet County (CCE) 911 Emergency Manager Cheryl Beyer, cbeyer@cceoem.net, 231-439-3333

The National Association for Amateur Radio public service information http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pubservice.html

Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum, Mackinaw City MI http://www.icebreakermackinawmuseum.org

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