



Mercer Island Radio Operators



MIRO Newsletter for January, 2012

EMERGENCY PRACTICE NET REMINDER:

Thursday, January 12, 7:00 PM

The net will be conducted on the MIRO repeater frequency of 147.160+ MHz, with a tone of 146.2 Hz. The check-in will be by region. After the 2 meter net check-ins are complete, the net will move to a roll call using the cross-band repeater system that was presented at last month's meeting. To use access the cross-band repeater, simply tune your transceiver to the 147.440 MHZ simplex frequency and you should be able to communicate with the net via simplex.

In the event of a repeater failure, the net will switch to the simplex frequency of 147.440 MHz.

John Livingstone, KE7LLC, will be Net Control. The Telephone Tree Committee will contact members prior to net time.



MEETING NOTICE: Thursday, January 19, 7:00 PM



This month's MIRO meeting will be held at Mercer Island Fire Station 91 (North Fire Station), 3030 78th AVE SE, Mercer Island WA 98040. This month's program will be a presentation by Dave Cook, WA0TTN, and will be a recap of MIRO events over the past year and plans for this coming year.

All MIRO members, prospective hams, and visitors are encouraged to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS:

MIRO Activity: During December 2011, 17 MIRO members put in a total of 75 hours of volunteer time in support of 2 drill events and 15 public service events. They drove 219 miles in support of these activities. We currently have 51 active members.

REMINDERS:

Please Report Your Activities! It is important to make sure that any time you provide in MIRO and EMAC volunteer activities be reported. These hours are reported to both the city and to the Western Washington ARES organization, and demonstrate our commitment to preparation and our value as a community service resource. If you are volunteering time for public service events such as assisting in race event coordination, attending CERT training, etc. *please report these hours!* To report your activities, sign in to your account on the MIROHams.org website and go to the [Activity Report](#) link under the [Member Services](#) section of the site navigation pane. Further information about accessing the MIROHams.org website and obtaining an account is provided below.

MIRO Business Meeting Reminder: The recurring business meeting is the last Thursday of every month at the EOC radio room at City Hall from 9:15am (after CEMNET) to 10:15am. The

purpose of this meeting is to handle MIRO business and activity planning on a regularly scheduled basis. All MIRO members are welcome to attend with business issues for the agenda.

Yahoo Group - mi_radio. A discussion group has been established at Yahoo.com for MIRO members. Its purpose is to exchange information about MIRO meetings, nets, drills, and other emergency communications preparedness activities. MIRO members can join this group by browsing to www.groups.yahoo.com/group/mi_radio. Click the "Join This Group!" button and follow the directions. Note that you must have a Yahoo! ID and password. If you don't have one, click the "Sign Up" link - it's free. If you have problems with the joining process, please contact Don Sandstrom, W7VXS, at don.sandstrom@mailaps.org or 206-550-4148.

MIROHams.org Website. The MIROHams.org website is the primary source of information for the MIRO group and is where you will find this newsletter, the member roster, and the events calendar. To sign up for a MIRO member account, browse to the URL above and click the "Sign In" button, then click the "Create New Account" button. If you have any difficulty with the sign-up process, please contact Dave Cook at wa0ttn@netdave.com or 206-230-0397 for additional instructions and assistance.

73, Dave Cook - WAØTTN, MIRO Volunteer Chairman

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2011 Volunteer Training

Here is the schedule for the upcoming CERT training classes.

- All classes are from 9am to noon unless otherwise noted.
- All classes are at the City Hall Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Location</i>
Mar 19	* Basic Disaster Preparation	
Apr 16	Well Operation	Well site (4320 88 th)
May 14	Radio Communications	
Jun 18	* Disaster First Aid	
Jul 23	Damage Assessment	
Aug 20	Search & Rescue	North Fire Station
Sep 21	City Wide Drill	
Oct 15	* Fire Suppression Training	North Fire Station
Nov 12	* Disaster Mental Health	
Dec 10	* Terrorism Response Training	
Jan 21	* Final Test/Graduation	
Feb 2012	Shelter Training	Red Cross (TBA)

* Denotes classes needed for CERT certification. All others are optional and specific to Mercer Island.