



AUXCOMM in Action

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What is AUXCOMM?



An umbrella program for preparing volunteers to serve as Auxiliary Communicators (AUXC) within an incident command structure (ICS).



Organization-neutral



Recognizing individuals

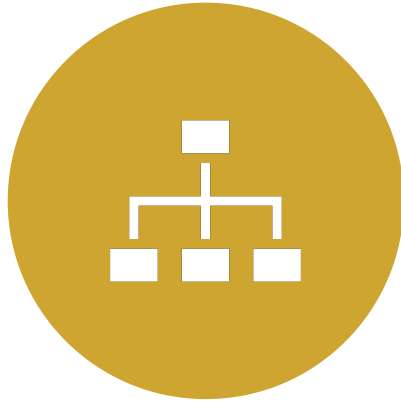
Training

Experience

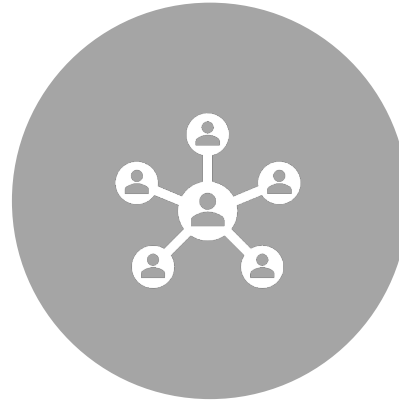
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What is the Auxiliary Communicator (AUXC) position?



DEFINED POSITION IN THE INCIDENT
COMMAND STRUCTURE (ICS)



PART OF THE COMMUNICATIONS
UNIT (COMU)



RECOGNIZED PROFICIENCY
EXPERIENCE

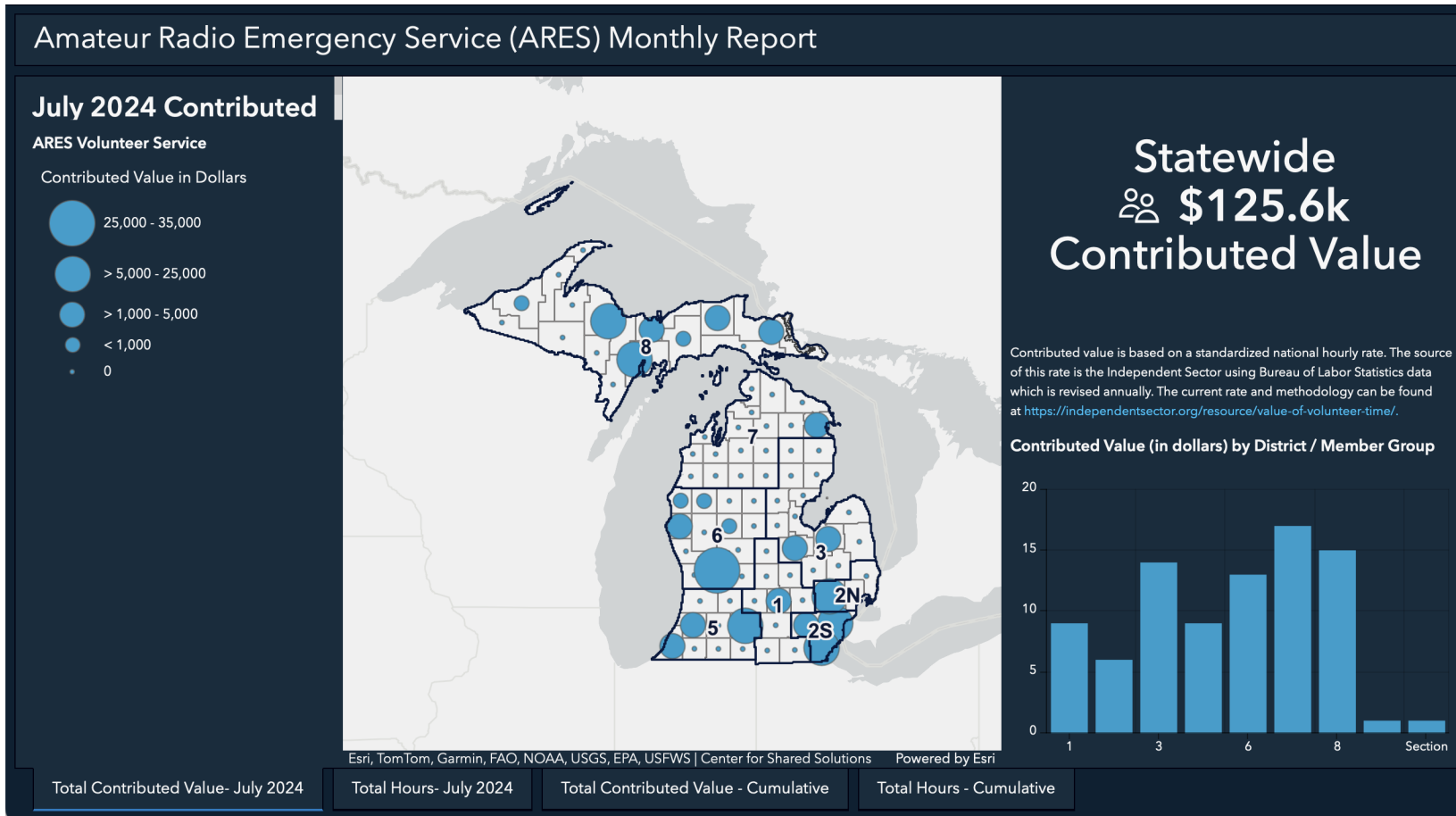


AUXC Skills

- Incident Command System (ICS)-aware.
- Focused on serving within a team to help meet the incident objectives.
- Proficient in the Michigan Critical Incident Management System (MI CIMS).
- Willingness to learn public safety communication systems.

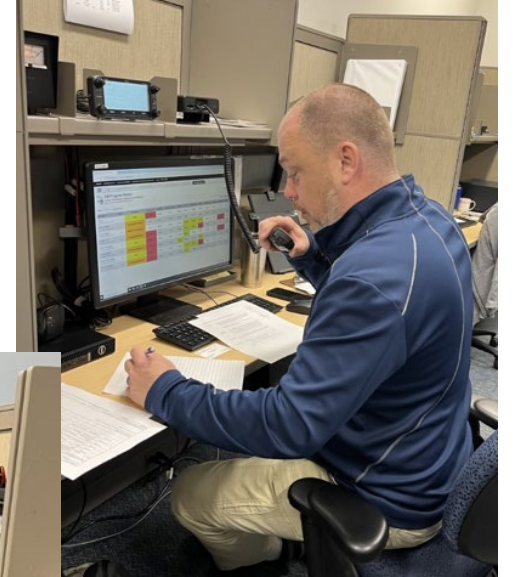


Volunteer Hours Around the State





2024 Spring Statewide Exercise





Supporting Search and Rescue

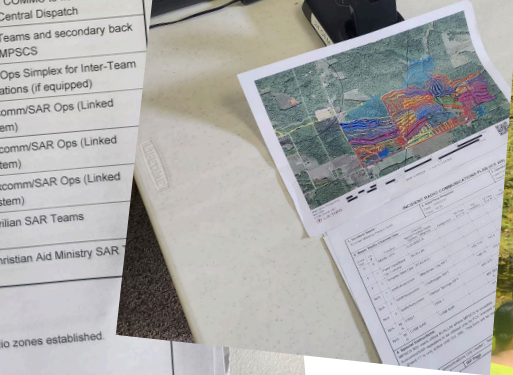
Mercator Projection
WGS84
UTM Zone 16T
SARTOPO

Scale 1:15113 1 inch = 1259 feet

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

1. Incident Name: Emmet Missing Person SAR		2. Date/Time Prepared: Date: 10/6/2023 Time: 16:30		3. Operational Period: Date From: 10/6/23 Time From: 16:30 Date To: Unknown Time To: Unknown		
4. Basic Radio Channel Use:		Channel Name/Trunked Radio System/Talkgroup	RX Freq	PX Freq	Mode (F, D, or M)	Remarks
Zone	Ch Grp #	Function				
						ALL IC COMMS to field teams and CCE Central Dispatch
						Field Teams and secondary back up to MPSCS
						Field Ops Simplex for Inter-Team Operations (if equipped)
						Auxcomm/SAR Ops (Linked System)
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						Auxcomm/SAR Ops (Linked System)
						Civilian SAR Teams
						Christian Aid Ministry SAR

radio zones established





Tornado Damage Assessment



The City of Portage MI

24 minutes ago ·

[Kalamazoo County Emergency Management](#) Damage Assessment Teams will be working through Portage today, Thursday, May 9 to assess tornado damage in the city. These folks are doing very important work for the community and are helping with the recovery from Tuesday's storms. They will be in teams of at least 2 persons, driving civilian vehicles. They will be readily identifiable in bright yellow vests or bright green ones with "Surveyor" on the front and back, and red hard hats. They need to assess and photograph ALL RESIDENCES in the area, so please allow them some space and grace to do so. Please do not call 9-1-1 to report them, or question them about the situation; they have a specific job to do, which needs to be done as quickly as possible.



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Storm Recovery





Mackinac Bridge Walk





Auxiliary Communicators...

- Come from a variety of organizations.
- Might not be affiliated with any organization.
- Have a desire to:
 - Contribute in a National Incident Management System (NIMS)/ICS capacity to support emergency management and public safety,
 - Work as part of a team,
 - Leave individual organization identity outside.



Three Levels of AUXC Recognition

Trained

Minimum requirements for working with a served agency.

You have information that can be valuable when called upon to assist.

County Recognized (Task Book Completion)

Demonstrated competencies.

Qualified to serve as AUXC under local Emergency Management.

State Recognized

Registered in statewide database.

Available to be deployed outside your county.



Steps to Becoming an AUXC

Build relationship with Emergency Manager

Get Trained

- Amateur license
- IS 100, 200, 700, 800
- Auxiliary Communications (AUXC) Course

Obtain Recognition

- Complete the AUXC Position Task Book (PTB)
- Apply for State Recognition



AUXCOMM Work Group

- **Vision:** Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) personnel across the state are effectively supporting public safety through communications and other services.
- **Mission:** The AUXCOMM Work Group coordinates the awareness, development, training, and implementation of AUXCOMM to support public safety agencies throughout Michigan.
- Focused on:
 - Emergency Management engagement,
 - AUXC training and recognition,
 - Semi-annual statewide exercises.



AUXCOMM Work Group Membership

- American Red Cross
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)
- Central Michigan Emergency Network
- Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
- Emergency Management Coordinators
- Michigan State Police District Coordinators
- Salvation Army (SATERN)



State-Recognized AUXCs

County	
Calhoun	1
Genesee	2
Ingham	1
Kent	1
Lapeer	2
Livingston	2
Mecosta	1

County	
Midland	1
Muskegon	2
Oceana	2
Ottawa	2
St Clair	2
Wayne	2

21 Total



2024 Fall Statewide Exercise

- October 12
- Ransomware incident within an ongoing major event or other incident.
- Local incident rather than statewide.
- Emphasis on Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) and use of simulation cell.



2024 Fall Statewide Exercise Lessons Learned



CISA SHARES



- SHARed RESources (SHARES).
- SHARES members can use existing high frequency (HF) radio resources.
- Communications over a range of hundreds of miles without repeaters.
- Licensing at no charge and no examination.
- Voice, data, Winlink (radio email).
- AES-256 encryption of data available.

Learn more at bit.ly/cisashares



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