

# Amateur Radio Technician Class

The Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association (ECARA) holds Amateur Radio training and licensing classes that are held at the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) in Brooklyn, CT (Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/o7jpA>). The classes run for eight consecutive Wednesdays from 7-9pm. All ages are welcomed to attend.

The objective is to teach you the basics of radio, operating practices, safety, and frequencies with the objective of testing for an FCC technician operating license. Even if you do not test for your license, you may find this information useful in the event that you will be interacting with licensed operators during an emergency.

ECARA and amateur radio has been instrumental in providing local communications for various public service events. This year alone we have helped numerous groups oversee their events by being able to communicate with their check points or stations at a moment's notice with a reliability and consistency not seen in un-licensed communication services. The amateur service has also been instrumental in providing emergency communications when needed in all-natural disaster situations regardless of where they occur in the world. By learning about our capabilities, you can better understand our strengths and limitations and use this service as an asset at critical times. By being licensed, you can act as a gateway to the Amateur Operators deploying to the event therefore streamlining communications efficiency.

ECARA sponsors this class to build the ranks of trained personnel that can be utilized if required. We train weekly with formal net procedures which is a skill that is critical to maintain competent and efficient communications during an event. Without this skill chaos can hamper communications.

To register, visit [www.ecara.net](http://www.ecara.net) (look for the "Ham Radio Class" link near the bottom) or send your name, phone and e-mail contact to [techclass@kb1jdx.com](mailto:techclass@kb1jdx.com). The class is free, but it is recommended that you purchase the companion study guide (about \$25). Additional information can be provided on request.

I hope that you can take advantage of this free class.

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