



2020 Walk and Knock and CCARC participation

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CCARC HISTORY OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



While amateur Radio can be a fun hobby it is also a useful tool to serve our community. Our club does this by providing communications for various community parades, runs, walks, and other activities. Each year, our club selects events to be involved in for several reasons. These include history, need of events, and the limited time constraints of our members. The Clark County Amateur Radio Club is recognized as a Special Service Club by the ARRL organization because of our community involvement. In a typical year we usually do 5 major events and several smaller ones.

As the community coordinator, I work with the Club's leadership team, clubs event coordinators and the community to ensure these events are within our club's rules and meet with the club's level of professionalism that we strive to maintain

TYPICAL YEARS EVENTS THAT THE CLUB IS INVOLVED IN

1. April - Vancouver MS Walk
2. May - Hazel Dell Parade of Bands
3. May - SEA-PAC Security
4. June - ARRL Field Day
5. August - Tailgate Party
6. November - Veterans Day Parade
7. December - Clark County Walk and Knock

EXPLANATION OF A TYPICAL EVENT PLANNING

1. An event is agreed to be supported by the club
2. An event coordinator is selected
3. Coordinator interfaces with the event
 - This interface involves many meetings to spell out our involvement
 - Keeps up to date on events and plans accordingly
4. Club promotes the event
5. Club seeks volunteers
6. Gets authority to use clubs' assets like repeaters
7. Coordinator establishes Communication
8. Coordinator works with and assigns volunteers
9. Coordinator establishes EC protocol
10. Coordinator sets up and maintains communications during the event
11. Coordinator directs, and releases volunteers the day of event

DESCRIPTION OF THIS EVENT

- The Clark County Inter-service Walk & Knock is a Washington non-profit corporation, approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, that serves Clark County, Washington by soliciting charitable donations of food, supplies and money, which in turn are given to the Clark County food banks to provide food to needy individuals within our community.
- Amateur radio operators provide the Walk and Knock food drive with radio support. Basically we will be additional eyes and ears at 7 consolidation locations throughout the county and the command center
- This year the locations will be staffed with two CCARC radio operators. Our job we will provide to the Walk and Knock headquarters at the Clark County Food Bank with information about the status of drivers, supplies, food pickups, and safety issues.
- The event starts with a 9:00 a.m. radio Roll Call where each radio operator assigned will be asked to check in on our designated frequency at their designated location.

LOCATIONS OF OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE “WALK AND KNOCK”

A & F Chuck’s Produce
2302 NE 117th St,
Vancouver, WA 98686

B Hudson’s Bay high school
1601 E McLoughlin Blvd
Vancouver, WA 98661

D Parkrose Hardware
16509 SE 1st St,
Vancouver, WA 98684

E & G Walmart
14505 NE Fourth Plain Blvd,
Vancouver, WA 98682

H ERS Rental Group
754 SE Union St,
Camas, WA 98607

I Lewisville Middle School
406 NW 5th Ave,
Battle Ground, WA 98604

J View Ridge Middle School
3215 S Hillhurst Rd,
Ridgefield, WA 98642

CCFB COMMAND CENTER



EXPECTATIONS OF CLUB VOLUNTEERS

1. Be On Time
2. Have A Handheld Radio
3. Wear Proper Clothes
4. Be Physically Able To Perform Your Position
5. Have Proper Equipment Where Needed
6. Be Able To Follow Directions
7. Bring a car with a mobile unit or a pop-up

EXPERTISE OF TYPICAL VOLUNTEER

A typical volunteer position in a club sponsored event doesn't require a high level of expertise

1. Have Valid Ham License
2. Be Able To Program Your Radio
3. Feel Comfortable Talking On Your Radio
4. Be Able To Follow Direction

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- 1.Expands Connections
- 2.Makes You Feel Good
- 3.Gives Purpose
- 4.Sets A Good Example
5. Teaches You New Skills
- 6.Teaches To Work As A Team

QUESTIONS ?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND VOLUNTEERING
FOR YOUR CLUB AND COMMUNITY

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