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AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY

(Vancouver, WA, USA) Living in the Pacific Northwest means, at times, living with hazards such as volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, flooding, high winds, heavy snowfall and a host of other threats to life and property. Together with potential technological hazards such as train derailments, hazardous material releases and wildfires, a well-planned and well-integrated emergency management system needs to exist. Clark County is fortunate to have such a system.

One of the essential components in this emergency management system is a reliable and capable contingency communications network. Amateur (ham) radio provides a wide range of state-of-the-art communications in support of local and state emergency services. Once each year, the amateur radio community nationwide establishes simulated emergency communications sites for the general public to visit and observe.

This year, the Clark County Amateur Radio Club will establish such a site:

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2023

Location: SEH America, 3900 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver

Time: Noon to 4:00 PM

Visitors to the Field Day site will be able to observe (and participate in if desired) high-frequency voice, data communications and satellite communications. Actual communications will occur with other stations across the US and world-wide. Subject matter experts will be present to explain how each system operates. Ample opportunity will be provided for photography and video interviews with leadership.

Clark County Amateur Radio Club is a not-for-profit, 501 (C) 3 public service organization located in Clark County, Washington. With over 400 members, the club provides education, public service, and emergency communications for Clark County. Members are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and utilize both club-owned and privately-owned communications technologies.