

**LOCAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE  
AND  
THE MOUND AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**A.** A primary responsibility of the Amateur Radio Service, as established by Part 97 of the Federal Communication Commission's regulations (47CFR), is the performance of public service communications for the general public, particularly in times of emergency when normal communication systems may be disrupted or inadequate.

**B.** Using frequencies allocated to the Amateur Radio Service, amateur radio operators have been in the forefront providing auxiliary communication services directly to and for the general public through government agencies and disaster relief organizations. To that end, in 1935, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for amateur radio, organized the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, now called the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).

**C.** ARES is a nationwide field organization sponsored by the ARRL and is managed by respective Emergency Coordinators at the state, district and county level. It is at the county level where most of the emergency preparedness planning, organizing and training is accomplished, because this is the level at which most emergencies occur and the level at which ARES leaders have direct contact with ARES members, with amateur radio clubs and groups, and with officials of the served agencies.

**D.** The Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (MoCoARES) is comprised of licensed amateurs who reside and/or work within Montgomery County and who have voluntarily registered their equipment and skills and have expressed a desire to organize, train and be prepared to provide auxiliary communication services for public service agencies and other relief organizations when disaster strikes or whenever called upon.

**E.** The Mound Amateur Radio Association (MARA) is a Montgomery County amateur radio club founded in 1962. The club is included in the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) at Kettering Sycamore Medical Center and for the Cities of Miamisburg and West Carrollton Ohio to provide communications at the time of other than a normal emergency. The club has been active in the ARRL Field Day, Miamisburg Parks and Recreation events including The River Ride, The Miamisburg Triathlon, River Blast, and Holiday Parade. Additionally the Miamisburg Tour D- Burg, all Miamisburg High School Home Football Games and the Ohio River Road Runners Turkey Trot. MARA is an ARRL Affiliated Club.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this document is to strengthen the cooperative relationship between MoCoARES and MARA and to establish an understanding within both identities that will provide and coordinate Amateur Radio communication networks, equipment and volunteer personnel to support disaster relief operations within Montgomery County Ohio.



### **3. RECOGNITIONS**

**A.** MoCoARES recognizes MARA as an autonomous Montgomery County amateur radio club which owns, operates and maintains repeater facilities; owns, operates and maintains an amateur radio station W8DYY located within the City of Miamisburg; has amateur radio and antenna equipment at the West Carrollton Police Department; has developed an EOP for inclusion in the MoCoARES EOP; conducts public service, educational and other club activities; and is the primary Serving Group for Sycamore Hospital, the Cities of Miamisburg, West Carrollton. MoCoARES also recognizes and agrees that MARA's two VHF repeaters are for MARA use only and will not be listed in the "Montgomery County Emergency Operating Frequency" section of the MoCoARES band plan.

**B.** MARA recognizes MoCoARES as the local extension of the ARRL Field Organization for planning and coordinating overall countywide Amateur Radio emergency preparedness and operations in Montgomery County, which comprises members of the Montgomery County amateur radio clubs and groups; has developed a comprehensive EOP with policies & procedures for supporting Montgomery County public safety agencies, the American Red Cross Dayton Chapter and other Montgomery County agencies and disaster relief organizations; and is actively associated with the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service Skywarn Program.

**C.** Both MoCoARES and MARA acknowledge and respect the fact that other Montgomery County amateur radio clubs and groups also have established primary Serving Group relationships with other Montgomery County townships and communities.

### **4. METHOD OF COOPERATION**

In order that the amateur radio emergency communications personnel, facilities and procedures of Montgomery County may be coordinated and utilized to the fullest advantage for supporting disaster relief operations in Montgomery County, MARA and MoCoARES have agreed to the following:

**A.** MARA will assign a representative to participate in MoCoARES Planning Committee meetings for the planning of coordinated amateur radio auxiliary communication services for all of Montgomery County, including personnel, facilities and operational policies and procedures. This representative will be the primary MARA contact person for MoCoARES.

**B.** The MARA representative will be responsible for representing MARA's views and position on MoCoARES proposals and other matters, and for reporting MoCoARES proposals and actions back to MARA. MARA will have the right to review, approve, reject or propose modifications to any agreements made by its representative that impact MARA. MoCoARES will provide MARA with a current copy of its EOP each time it is updated.

**C.** MARA will respond as the primary Serving Group for Sycamore Hospital and the Cities of Miamisburg, West Carrollton and Miami Township when called upon by the respective Served Agencies or in conjunction with a MoCoARES emergency or training operation. MARA will designate a core group qualified to operate as Net Control Stations and capable of responding to and activating the Sycamore Hospital EOC and/or other Miamisburg/West



Carrollton/ and potential future Miami Township facilities.

D. MARA approves the inclusion of its 443.00 repeater in the MoCoARES Frequency Plan. The MARA 443.00 repeater will be designated a Tactical Net frequency for the Miamisburg, West Carrollton, Miami Township area and a Montgomery County back-up Tactical or Resource Net frequency in a countywide or other local area emergency.

E. MoCoARES and MARA will cooperate to select and train designated Net Control Stations who will be capable of functioning as Net Control Station or Liaison Station for weather nets, MoCoARES Nets and emergency/training nets.

F. MoCoARES, as a group, will participate in amateur radio emergency communications support in other counties only when called upon in accordance with the mutual aid policies and procedures established by the Ohio Section and the West Central Ohio District of ARES.

### **5. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

This Local Memorandum of Understanding is effective as of the date indicated below, and shall remain in effect until terminated by written notification from either party to the other; or, until replaced by an updated version mutually agreed to by both parties.

**04/29/2014**  
**Date of Agreement**

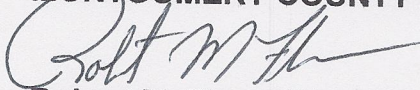
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