

**Florida Division of Emergency Management
DHS Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) Training Course
6-8 February 2023
In cooperation with the 76th Orlando Hamcation™ - Orlando, Florida
(30 student maximum capacity)**

This class is designed for auxiliary communicators (AUXCOMM) and other communications groups who volunteer to provide backup radio communications support to *public safety agencies* such as EOC's, Fire, Law Enforcement and Medical. This typically includes volunteer amateur radio communicators affiliated with many different governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGO). (There is no cost to attend this course.)

AUXCOMM focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, the relationship between the Communications Leader (COML) and AUXCOMM volunteers, emergency operations center (EOC) etiquette, on-the-air etiquette, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations, auxiliary communications training and planning, and emergency communications deployment.

The program is intended to supplement and standardize a volunteer operator's experience and knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in a public safety context, in an effort to train amateur radio volunteers to a professional, national standard.

Prerequisites for Attendance

Personal experience:

- A valid/signed FCC amateur radio license
- Past experience in auxiliary emergency communications
- An affiliation with a public safety agency (served agency)
- A desire to work with Communications Unit Personnel (COML/COMT) in a NIMS ICS environment

Must have completed the following online courses from the FEMA EMI Independent Study website:

- IS-100, Introduction to the ICS
- IS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Incidents
- IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction
- IS-800, National Response Framework (NRF)

How to Apply:

- **In-State** (Florida Students): via FDEM SERT TRAC: <https://trac.floridadisaster.org>
- **Out of State** (Outside Florida): E-mail: Florida AUXCOMM Coordinator David Byrum dbyrum@tampabay.rr.com
 - Applicant's Name
 - The name of the Public Safety Agency you are, or will be, supporting
 - The Public Safety Agency Email Address
 - The Public Safety's point of contact name and both their email/phone number

All applications, and other requested documents, must be received by **close of business on Monday January 28, 2023**. Selected individuals will be notified of approval to attend the course, final location, and additional pre-course information.

Questions regarding the course prerequisites should be directed to FDEM by contacting David Byrum via email at dbyrum@tampabay.rr.com