

# PLATTE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

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## FACT SHEET

### **OVERVIEW:**

The Platte County Amateur Radio Group is made up of ham radio operators from Platte County, Missouri and surrounding counties. The group was founded in 2003 by Bill Grod and Ted Craven with the goal of pulling together ham enthusiasts in Platte County to serve as an emergency communication resource for the public agencies throughout the county. The group was registered as a Missouri corporation in April 2008 and currently boasts a membership roster of 35 hams.

### **MISSION:**

The primary mission of the group is to provide emergency radio communications to public agencies in Platte County and surrounding areas. We maintain an FM radio repeater operating at 147.330 MHz located at the National Weather Service Central Region Headquarters near KCI airport. We support two ham radio stations permanently deployed at St. Luke's Northland and St. Luke's Smithville hospitals. We also support the National Weather Service with long-haul emergency radio communications to other weather service offices within the central United States.

### **PREVIOUS EMERGENCY READINESS EVENT PARTICIPATION:**

The PCARG has participated in metro-wide emergency communications exercises since 2004 and annual Field Day activities since 2005. Area hospitals conduct annual emergency communications exercises and the Platte County group has actively participated in those since 2007. Most

recently, members of the group participated in the 2011 FEMA National Level Event (NLE), a week-long exercise to test communications and public agency response to a simulated earthquake catastrophe in the New Madrid fault area of the central U.S.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

PCARG has a network check-in every Tuesday night at 7:30pm. The check-in is available for all licensed operators to check in on frequency 147.33.

**HOW TO BECOME A LICENSED OPERATOR:**

Pass a written test from the FCC. FCC approval gives you an Amateur Radio License (HAM) and a station license. Testing is based on rules & regulations of broadcasting and knowledge of electronics. Licenses come in 3 grades, Novice, General Class and Extra Class.