

Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Committee (OEPC)

EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

The OEPC has an established program to provide a communications capability that replaces and supplements 911 for Oakmont residents when that service is down or otherwise not available. In the event of a disaster or major emergency, OEPC volunteers activate radio communications networks to provide up-to-date information on the status of an emergency, coordinate response efforts within Oakmont, and if necessary request assistance from outside agencies including medical, fire, police, Red Cross, and other related City and County services.

This capability has two primary components:

1. Teams of neighborhood radio operators (aka “Zone Communicators”) that monitor and report on conditions within Oakmont and make themselves available to residents to both disseminate information and accept and forward requests for assistance. Their florescent yellow vests and walkie-talkie radios easily identify our Zone Communicators when they walk their predefined neighborhoods. And...
2. Amateur Radio operators that maintain communications with the Santa Rosa Fire Department’s Emergency Operations Center to both forward requests for assistance and accept instructions and updates/status on emergency conditions affecting our community.

If and when a disaster strikes, look to your neighborhood Zone Communicator for information and to ask for help. If you don’t have a radio operator in your neighborhood, please consider volunteering. At present, only about 50% of Oakmont is covered by the OEPC network. No license is required and the OEPC provides all of the equipment and training you will need, no license is required, and the only skill requirements are an ability to walk and talk. Licensed Amateur Radio operator volunteers are also needed. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Pat Barclay at (707) 570-7500 or by e-mail at <OakmontERT@gmail.com>

If you cannot connect with a neighborhood Zone Communicator during a disaster but require help, go to one of the Oakmont Recreation Centers. Our OEPC volunteers create communications networks at each of the Centers and radio operators will be there to assist. The OEPC also establishes an Oakmont Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Berger Center, outside on the patio, to coordinate our response efforts. Our radio operators at the Berger EOC are also there to assist residents.

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