The ECAR Dispatch
A monthly communication

Erie County ARES/RACES—The AUXCOMM group

Volume 1, Issue 3 June 2025

Are you ready for our next exercise???

ecarham@gmail.com

www.ecarham.org

Welcome to the third edition of the ECAR Dispatch! We are using this medium to share stories and other useful information with members of the organization.

Inside this issue:

From the RO's Shack	2
From the EC's Shack	2
From the Asst. RO's Shack	2
Different Bit of Info	3
Odds and Ends	4

Ed W2GUT — Editor

The ECAR machines:

* Buffalo VHF 146.865(+) 151.4
* Buffalo UHF 443.525(+) 151.4
* Orchard Park UHF 443.975 (+)141.3
* P25 system NAC 167
* Hamshack Hotline 6103148
* Hamshack Hotline Conference Bridge 1385



From the RO's desk..

No report this month...

Joe Tedesco KC2DKP
Radio Officer

From the EC's desk..

The Ride for Roswell is fast approaching! Stations that are participating should be prepared to fill any role as needed. Some things to consider:

- If you have an RF tracker (please consider putting one together. We are hams, radio is what we do!) battery packs (if so equipped) should be fully charged. Take your tracker for a short trip to make sure it is pinging properly. Check your track on aprs.fi to verify. Just powering it up in a stationary position is not a good indicator that it will function as needed.
- Don't forget personal care. Snacks and water to stay hydrated are important.
- If you have the knowledge and means, a small tool kit and a tire pump can help cyclists get back on their way quickly instead of a possible long wait for bike repair to respond.

Assignments and more detailed information will be handled at the June meeting. Hope to see you there!

Vince Harzewski N2JRS
Erie Co. ARES Emergency Coordinator

From the Asst. RO's desk.

Over the past year we've talked about and trained on some skills; skills that are needed to be well-rounded and effective communicators within our group.

Net participants - solid and effective plain language. Knowing the correct alphabet and when to use it. Pro-word Providing the information requested without rambling. Listening skills.

Net Control - Direct communications. Time management. Collection and aggregation of information. Leadership More listening skills.

ICS - what it is and why we need it. Dreaded paperwork.

Greg Ramsdell - KD2MIC
Asst EC/ Asst Radio Officer - Erie County ARES/RACES

Different bit of information..

From www.usaraces.org

RACES stands for "Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service," a protocol created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC Part 97, Section 407). Many government agencies across the country train their Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) volunteers using the RACES protocol. The volunteers serve their respective jurisdictions pursuant to guidelines and mandates established by local emergency management officials.

RACES volunteer operators are:

- Licensed Radio Amateurs
- Certified by a civil defense agency
- Able to communicate on Amateur Radio frequencies during drills, exercises and emergencies
- Activated by local, county and state jurisdictions and are the only Amateur Radio operators authorized to transmit during declared emergencies when the President of the United States specifically invokes the *War Powers Act.*

RACES Resource Library:

This web site is intended to assist in the distribution of RACES Auxiliary Emergency Communications information. Updated RACES documentation and other emergency preparedness documents are available through the RACES Resource Library, maintained by RACES volunteers registered with the Arlington County, Virginia Office of Emergency Management, Emergency Support Function #2.

National Incident Management System:

Protocols embraced by RACES volunteers across the nation include the *National Incident Management System* (NIMS), which provides a consistent nationwide template to enable federal, state and local governments, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector to work together to protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents; sectors to work together to protect

ODDS AND ENDS

Monthly Meeting Location
3359 Broadway
Cheektowaga N.Y. 14227

E-mail: ECARham@gmail.com

Have you been to ecarham.org yet??

Erie County ARES/RACES AUXCOMM is a volunteer communications group of FCC Licensed Amateur radio operators who are highly trained, motivated and are organized to provide communications in support to the County of Erie Emergency Services and other NGO's during times of disasters or when a need for enhanced communications and experience arises.

Join us on our net on Sunday's at 19:00 on the ECAR radio network OR come out to our meeting and say hi, we meet the second Monday of every month except for August at Erie County's Cheektowaga EOC. 73...

The Western New York Emergency Net is held Every Sunday at 19:00EST on 146.865/443.525Mhz; except for the 3rd Sunday, which is on the 443.975Mhz Chestnut Ridge repeater. Both with a 151.4Hz PL tone.

Occasionally on the 147.255Mhz W2SO repeater.

Do you have something for the Dispatch????

Do you have a story, news. project or review you would like to share with the group?

We are always looking for stories and information related to amateur radio and emergency communications to provide in the monthly newsletter that is put out to the membership to keep them informed.

Please try and keep it to under 500 words and please include any links to resources pictures or other information you want to include with the story.

Email your submissions to:

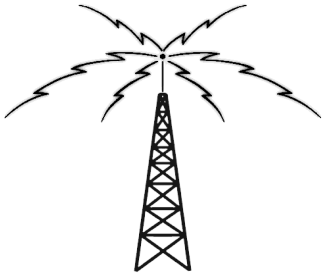
ECARham@gmail.com

ECAR email reflector:

Do you need an invite to the ECAR email reflector????

Contact Ed W2GUT at his email for an invite.

ed.w2gut@gmail.com



ECAR Officers:

Joseph Tedesco KC2DKP
Radio Officer
kc2dkp@verizon.net

Greg Ramsdell KD2MIC
1st Assistant Radio Officer
Operations Officer
kd2micqrp@gmail.com

Vince Harzewski N2JRS
2nd Assistant Radio Officer
Erie County ARES EC
vh2@buffalo.edu