

## **Emergency Communications Team (ECT)**

**Emergency Communications Team (ECT)** members are volunteer HAM radio operators who help pass vital information between first responders, command posts, and the UCSF Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when conventional phone and cell phone systems are damaged or overloaded during emergencies. A HAM radio operator's license is not required to join the team, but maybe will be required after you join depending on the type of radio to be used. Purchase of radios is not required, but recommended. UCSF will issue ECT members with handheld radios when deployed to the field.

### **How ECTs Are Used:**

- **Field Support**
  - Establish Communications with EOC or Emergency Communications Center (ECC)
  - As directed by EOC, locate and imbed with Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT), Care and Shelter Teams (CAST), Damage Assessment Teams or other UCSF Emergency Response personnel as directed by EOC to assist in maintaining communications between teams and the Campus EOC.
  - Maintain Communications Logs, Directory of radio channels assigned to various emergency responders and EOCs, and other logs as necessary.
  - Assist emergency response teams in assessments, administrative support or other functions, when not actively engaged in radio communications.
- **EOC Support**
  - Report to UCSF EOC to assist in establishing and maintaining communications between the EOC and UCSF emergency response teams, City and County EOC and emergency Response teams.
  - Maintain Communications Logs, Directory of radio channels assigned to various emergency responders and EOCs, and other logs as necessary.
  - Assist EOC staff in monitoring other communications (phone, cell, satellite, phones, Internet, etc), administrative support or other functions, when not actively engaged in radio communications.
  - Accompany EOC staff or teams into field as needed to assist in maintaining communications.

### **Training:**

UCSF will assist volunteers with finding a training course and testing location. UCPD Emergency Management also sponsors additional emergency preparedness training and exercise opportunities during the year.

**For more information or to volunteer**, please e-mail [emer.mgt@police.ucsf.edu](mailto:emer.mgt@police.ucsf.edu) or visit <http://police.ucsf.edu/index.php?/Preparing-for-Emergencies/volunteer-opportunities.html>