

News Release

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(Cupertino, CA, April 12, 2016) – CUPERTINO CARES ON AIR FOR FIELD DAY 2016 – ARE YOU READY?

What does it take to be prepared for local or wide spread emergencies? Will Twitter, Facebook, Yahoo, Google, email, or even your cell phone be available when such an event happens? We invite you to come see how CARES (Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service) prepares for such events on Field Day -- June 25, 2016 at 10300 Torre Ave, Cupertino – in front of City Hall.

On Saturday, June 25, CARES (www.cupertinoares.org) will participate in Field Day. Every year, the ARRL (American Radio Relay League, www.arrl.org) sponsors this national, 24-hour event to test amateur radio's ability to set up for an emergency, and to practice message-passing capability throughout the country. Field Day is an opportunity for the public to see how CARES prepares to serve first responders, the city and the public.

Throughout the year, CARES supports various city and county events such as The Bunny Run, The Sheriff's Hero Run, as well as city and county wide CERT/MRC and communications drills. These events provide CARES volunteers an opportunity to practice communication skills, test out new communications technologies and improve overall preparedness.

We invite you to come and see what amateur radio is all about. Visit us from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, June 25, on Torre Avenue in Cupertino, between City Hall and the Cupertino Library. We will demonstrate various modes of communication including a Wi-Fi based MESH network, HF voice, Morse code (CW), Amateur TV, and VHF packet as well as digital communications over HF. CARES will operate with the station call sign K6KP.

You can tour all stations, operate an amateur radio, and make contacts. Information about Cupertino emergency preparedness will be available, including how to volunteer for various Cupertino Citizens Corps groups and how to obtain an amateur radio license.
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