

EmComm ECI

Statement of Principles

EmComm ECI recognizes and supports the legal definition of the amateur radio service in the US and all of the other countries where this service is defined.

EmComm ECI does not endorse or encourage any illegal actions. We believe it is the duty of all amateur radio operators to operate within the legal requirements of their respective governments.

EmComm ECI is a non-partisan group of public service minded and concerned amateur radio operators working together to promote, and to help ensure the vitality of, the Amateur Radio Service as defined in the US Legal Code 47 CFR Part 97, especially the purposes embodied in 97.1:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art.
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

It is our belief that the technical and public service nature of the Amateur Radio Service is clearly acknowledged in the US by

the FCC, particularly in Part 97.1, items (b), (c) and (d), which comprise 3 of the 5 reasons for the establishment of the Service. Similarly, we believe the International Telecommunications Union has underscored the necessity to maintain at least minimal standards of technical and operational skill within the amateur community in ITU Article 25.6, which says, *"Administrations shall verify the operational and technical qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station. Guidance for standards of competence may be found in the most recent version of Recommendation ITU-R M.1544."*

We acknowledge the proud history of technical and non-technical contributions that amateur radio operators have made to radio communications technology and strive to ensure that the Amateur Radio Service preserves traditional operating modes and remains able to continue to meet the technical challenges that will be required in the future.

We believe that failure to require and maintain adequate entry-level skills will lead to chaos on the amateur bands, which are an internationally shared resource, and that inadequate enforcement of the regulations governing amateur radio will render the service useless and drive away those persons who could most contribute to the "advancement of the radio art".

We believe that it is important for the survival of the Amateur Radio Service that continuous advancement in "skills in both the communications and technical phase of the [radio] art" be encouraged.

We believe that the Amateur Radio Service should be open to all interested persons. Due to the inherent technical nature of amateur radio communication, it is important to ensure that amateur radio operators possess at least minimum skills and that the regulations concerning the Amateur Radio Service

must encourage the further development of "trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts."

We further believe that, due to the inherent nature of amateur radio, technical skills contribute directly to the "value of the amateur service to the public" and the "amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill."

It is the goal of EmComm ECI to recruit, encourage, instruct and mentor all individuals interested in joining and participating in the Amateur Radio Service.

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