
Emergency radio training at Adams Farm

The Walpole Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and the Walpole Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) prepare for and train to respond to emergencies, which might impact Walpole. One of the first infrastructure elements expected to fail is communications. Examples of failures are the failure of cell phone services and the more significant failures of communications in the aftermath of a significant weather events like a hurricane or tornado. Amateur radio operators train year-round to

operate in an emergency. In general, this training is performed at the amateur radio operator's home station.

On Saturday, September 21st from 9 AM to 2 PM at Adam's Farm in Walpole, MA, Walpole EMA and CERT will be sponsoring an exercise by amateur radio operators to deploy and test their communications capabilities in the field. A variety of antennas, radio transceivers and power systems will be tested to understand the functionality and behaviors of the various options. These include sending

test messages across Eastern Massachusetts and, if the equipment is successfully deployed, across the continental US.

The public is invited to come and explore what we are doing at this event. If you are interested in joining CERT, we can discuss this with you and take down your name. If you are interested in becoming an amateur radio operator, we can discuss the process with you. Present amateur radios operators are also invited to participate, observe or comment.