

## WHO IS HERO AND WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT?

Hawaii Emergency Radio Operators, Inc, (HERO) is a non-profit organization registered in Hawaii. We are a group of patriotic, freedom-minded, preparedness-oriented radio operators that are dedicated to the safety, protection, and welfare of our families and community.

While there are many radio clubs on Oahu, and many Emergency Communications (EmComms) radio operators, we focus on the preparedness community. Preppers and those involved in traditional emergency communications train completely different because they have different mission parameters in an emergency or disaster response.

While others in traditional EmComms groups serve governmental entities or other organizations in disaster response by transmitting messages for their "served agency", our priority is our families and communities' safety and serving their communications needs.

*We serve our community, not agencies.*

While those in traditional EmComms groups use only amateur radio operators, or "hams", those in the prepper community know that all radio services can be valuable for emergency communications. For this reason, we accept members from any radio service, such as CB, FRS, GMRS, MURS, Marine, etc. In a disaster or emergency situation, they are all valuable and can play an important role in EmComms.

## MEMBERSHIP

HERO membership is open to all like-minded, freedom loving, patriotic, preparedness-oriented persons wishing to join a group of people with similar beliefs and interests. We have different membership levels, depending on your location and radio communication abilities. Our membership is open to radio operators, and non-radio operators alike, both inside and outside of Hawaii. You can get more information about membership and to join by going to <https://www.hero.radio>

## MENTORSHIP

New radio operators can always benefit from the experience of a mentor that can guide them as they learn more about radio communications.

Our experienced radio operators can guide you in becoming a better radio operator, and we can all help each other become better prepared.



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## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Members of Hawaii Emergency Radio Operators (HERO) participate in several public service events each year.

These activities allow club members to activate their radio stations and maintain their radio operator skills while serving the community.

## HONOLULU MARATHON

Each December our members join with members of other ham radio clubs on Oahu to support the Honolulu Marathon.

During this event, dozens of radio operators become the “eyes and ears” on the marathon route, paying close attention to the health and condition of runners, and reporting problems by radio to the Medical Department of the Marathon for emergency medical attention.

In addition to the Honolulu Marathon our members also volunteer for other public service events each year including Skywarn activations during severe weather events.

## ANNUAL ARRL FIELD DAY

ARRL Field Day is ham radio's open house and is conducted in late June every year with over 40,000 hams throughout North America. It allows ham radio operators to test their emergency communications skills out in the field, and it serves to raise public awareness about the amateur radio service on Oahu.

## WHAT IS HAM RADIO?

Amateur Radio (ham radio) is a popular hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. In a way, ham radio is the original “social media” and has been used for generations to connect people around the world. Hams are required to be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

People use ham radios to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the Internet or cell phones; it is fun, and it works in emergencies. Ham radio equipment can consist of a handy-talkie, portable equipment, or extensive fixed station equipment.



## DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS

HERO can provide a portable emergency Wi-Fi based email system for those in emergency shelters to be able to access with their own cell phones, laptops, and tablets to send email messages to their family outside of the disaster area at no cost. This allows them to advise their family that they are alright, offering piece of mind.

These emails will be forwarded over amateur radio to areas outside of the affected area where electrical and internet infrastructure still work properly.

## TRAINING AND FCC LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

We conduct FCC license classes for the Technician, General, and Amateur Extra license classes throughout the year. The classes are designed to teach fundamentals of ham radio for passing the FCC examination. For those wishing to obtain their amateur radio license or those wishing to upgrade, visit <https://www.HERO.Radio> for class schedule and registration information.

Amateur Radio FCC license examination sessions are conducted each month.

More information on ham radio training and licensing can be found on our website at [www.HERO.Radio](http://www.HERO.Radio)

We are also able to provide exam proctoring for FCC Commercial Operator License Examinations for:

- Radiotelegraph Operator License
- General Radiotelephone Operator License
- Marine Radio Operator Permit
- GMDSS Radio Operator's License
- Restricted GMDSS Radio Operator's License
- GMDSS Radio Maintainer's License
- Ship Radar Endorsement.

## ACTIVITIES & MORE

HERO members also like to have fun with family-friendly activities like camping trips, picnics & cookouts. We also offer first-aid & CPR classes, food storage classes, as well as classes on water harvesting & storage, gardening, and more.