

**To: Kansas Legislators,**

**RE: SB 144**

I am Tim Carty (ADOSE) from Waverly, Kansas. I am a licensed Ham Radio Operator (Extra Class). Over the years that I have been a Licensed Ham Radio Operator, I have worked with multiple City, County, State and National agencies on emergency preparedness. **It is the normal everyday Licensed Ham Radio Operator that answers the call when the arises.**

To be a Licensed Ham Radio Operator, we are required to take tests to prove our knowledge, understanding and safeness of operating a Ham Radio. Most of the Licensed Ham Radio Operators have a premiant mounted mobile/ based radio in their cars, trucks or SUV. When I am in my vehicle, I use my premiant mounted mobile radio with pre-programmed channels for communications (Which is no different from any Volunteer First Responder or Fireman). When driving down the road we do not surf other channels.

The State of Kansas depends on Licensed Ham Radio Operators for communications during State Fairs, training events with Kansas Emergency Preparedness operations. **The Kansas State Division of Emergency Management sends Licensed Local Ham Radio Operators to State funded training provided by FEMA and Department of Homeland Security. and adds their names to 24/7/365 State call list, to coordinate Licensed Ham Radio Operators with other State and Local Government Agencies during Emergencies. (See Attached DHS Certificate)**

It is the Licensed Ham Radio Operator that lives in the Cities and Counties throughout Kansas that answer the calls during emergencies as they happen. The law may allow communications during an emergency, but not for training. There is training through one or more of the following groups weekly. RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services), ARRL (American Radio Relay League and MARS (Military Auxiliary Radio System) To be prepared for an emergency, there has to be training to sharpen your skills during the time when the need is called. **I have searched and not found where an accident was caused when a Licensed Ham Radio Operator was communicating with other Licensed Ham Operators while on the road.**

Licensed Ham Radio Operators are not CB'ers. We are a professional group that study and take test verifying our understanding radio operations and safety. It is the average everyday Licensed Ham Radio Operator's that answer the call during State and County Fairs (Parking Coordination and other task), Parades and other events around our Communities. Uncampered communication training is important for Licensed Ham Radio Operators to be prepared when the need arises.

Thank you,

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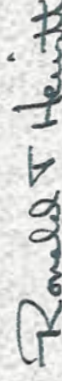
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Kansas / United States Airforce Military Auxiliary Radio Service (MARS)

# AUXILIARY COMMUNICATIONS COURSE

## **Timothy Carty**

Completed the Office of Emergency Communications Auxiliary Communications Course during 10-11 December, 2016 at the Johnson County Emergency Operations Center in Olathe, Kansas



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