



R.A.C.E.S. FCC Rules

<https://www.qsl.net/races/fcc.html>

What Is RACES?

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

- Founded in 1952,
- RACES is a volunteer service provided by certified volunteer amateur radio operators within government agencies in times of extraordinary need.
- During periods of RACES activation, certified unpaid communicators are called upon to perform many tasks for the government agencies they serve.
- RACES is administrated by a local county, or state civil defense agency responsible for disaster services. In our case YC EMA.
- During time of war, when the President exercises his War Emergency Powers, RACES might become the only communications allowed via amateur radio.
- The FCC regulates RACES operations. Part 97, Subpart E, §97.407 describe RACES operations in detail. <https://www.qsl.net/races/fcc.html>
- RACES operations (when activated) involve emergency message handling on Amateur Radio Service frequencies, typically involving messages between critical locations such as hospitals, emergency services, emergency shelters, and any other locations where communication is needed. These communications are handled in any mode available, with 2 meters FM being the most prevalent.
- Emergency communications do not fall under RACES rules unless specifically activated as RACES.