

Hello and welcome to the Ohio Volunteer Corps, W8OVC amateur radio club web page.

My name is Craig, W4ODF and I am the trustee of the OVC radio club.

Communications is a vital part of the OVC's mission. Whether we're assisting in a man-made/natural disaster, a search and rescue operation, a security detail, or a training exercise, radio is fundamental to getting the job done. As they say, "When all else fails, radio works". But, don't be fooled! Radio is both an art and a science. It is less than ideal and can be useless in the hands of an untrained individual. That is why the OVC works hard to educate its members in all aspects of radio communications.

Currently, there are four ARRL certified volunteer examiners capable of teaching and administering the FCC technician class armature radio license exam. We provide classes and assistance to members and to the general public in areas such as station set-up, antenna design, HF, VHF, UHF and GMRS bands, radio modes such as SSB, FM, AM, Echolink, Morse code, digital and many other forms of radio communications. We have established a network of frequencies, nets, repeaters and contact times to check equipment, practice, learn and for use in the event of an actual emergency.

The OVC's main communications training takes place during the annual [ARRL Field Day exercise on the fourth weekend of June](#)

. The objective of this two day event is to make contact with as many amateur stations around the world as possible on the allowed amateur bands and modes. The idea is to learn to communicate in abnormal situations and in less than optimal conditions with emergency power. We teach skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint our members and the general public with the capabilities and limitations of amateur radio. Classes, hands-on training, radio usage, advice and a test session are all offered during this event. It is open to all who wish to know more about radio communications. You can find out more by checking out the calendar link at the top of the page.

If your interested in learning more about the OVC, the OVC radio club or if you just want to know more about amateur radio, feel free to drop us an email at ohiovolunteercorps@gmail.com

Thank you for visiting the OVC radio club page and I hope to hear you on the air soon!

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