



# THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Radio Club Ready to Respond to Disaster**

*For Immediate Release:*

*Date of Release: January 27, 2009*

*Time Of Release: 20:24*

*For more information Contact:*

*Dustin Cox, N0DRC*

*American Radio Relay League*

*Colorado Section Dist. 19 Public Information Officer*

*n0drc@arrl.net*

### **Radio Club Ready to Respond to Disaster**

Nampa, Idaho -- The Treasure Valley's Amateur Radio Club had a chance to test out their skills by communicating with cities throughout the Northwest.

It was part of the Amateur Radio Winter Field Day, where local operators make sure they're prepared to handle any emergency that knocks out power, phone lines and Internet access. Radio clubs have helped first responders for years keep emergency services going during disasters throughout the U.S.

"Very recently they had the floods in Washington where it knocked out a lot of communications throughout the Sierra Mountain area. The Sheriff's department, fire department, the ambulance service had no communications. Amateur radio operators volunteered and put them back into communications in very short order," said Steven Ash, an amateur radio operator.

This service is a passion for many who participate in these clubs, and so it costs communities nothing when they come to the rescue.

Source: [FOX 12 KTRV](#)

###

**Dustin Cox, N0DRC**

*ARRL Colorado Section*

*District 19*

*Public Information Officer*

Since 1914 - Of, By and For the Radio Amateur



Official Journal