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Amateur Radio Operators to test emergency communications in a field day event

The public can participate on Saturday, June 25

RENTON, WA – Renton Emergency Communication Service (RECS) will practice their emergency response capabilities in a 24-hour field day event on June 25 and 26, 2022, at Thomas Teasdale Park (601 S 23rd St.).

RECS is a team of local amateur (ham) radio operators. The event is part of the annual American Radio Relay League Field Day. The country-wide event involves over 35,000 amateur radio operators who use emergency or alternate power sources under simulated emergency conditions.

The public can attend on Saturday, June 25, from 12 to 8 p.m. Tours of the mobile communications response unit vehicle will be available, along with a prize drawing and a chance to talk live on the air.

Ham radio operators have provided critical communications in many recent emergencies. During a local disaster, normal communication channels may become inoperable. Renton's amateur radio operators have proven to be the most reliable low-tech source of communication available for the city.

For more information on how you can become an amateur radio operator or join RECS, visit their website at www.retonecs.net or email membership@rentonecs.net.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 107,100 (2021), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace, and favorable business climate have attracted nationally recognized companies that wish to provide employees and their families with an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, Super Bowl Champion (2014) Seattle Seahawks, two-time (2016 & 2019) MLS champion and CONCACAF Champion (2022) Seattle Sounders FC (in 2024), and the eternal resting place of rock icon Jimi Hendrix. More information is on our [website](#), in [news releases](#), or on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Nextdoor](#).

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