



West Virginia Statewide Interoperable Radio Network

West Virginia AUXCOMM

The West Virginia specific Auxiliary Communications (WV AUXCOMM) course will assist amateurs / groups interested in emergency communications in understanding the communication roles that are needed in today's expanding / collapsing Incident Command System (ICS) environment. Amateur radio operators receiving this training will see how they can use amateur radio experience to leverage State interoperability assets in assisting Emergency Communication Managers operating in ICS environments throughout West Virginia.

This is a great opportunity for the West Virginia Amateur Radio Community in support of our Federal, State, and Local First Responder Community.

Course Prerequisites

The course does require that students have some knowledge of the basics of the Incident Command System. This baseline knowledge is gained by taking the following courses as prerequisites. *Note that all courses listed below are free to all students and are accomplished through the web.*

1. IS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS), ICS-100, (or any a,b,c version);
2. IS-200, Incident Command System (ICS) for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, (or any a,b,c version);
3. IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction, (or any a,b version);
4. IS-800, National Response Framework (NRF), An Introduction, (or any a,b,c,d version)
5. Active Amateur Radio License Technician Class or higher
6. Preferably, an affiliation with a public safety agency, and a desire to work with COMs in a NIMS ICS environment

Currently, the FEMA WEB Site for Training is Down. - As of March 9,2026, the SIEC has granted an accommodation / workaround for the Putnam County AUXCOMM Class effecting those students that do not have all of their prerequisites. (see further instructions below)

UPCOMING WV AUXCOMM Class:

Putnam County 911, Winfield, WV April 11th - 12th 2026

100 Emergency Lane, Winfield, WV 25213

38.532721, -81.889102 / 38°31'57.7"N 81°53'20.8"W

Pre-registration is required online at www.wvpst.org. Select Charleston as the Regional Office, and click on the class calendar for April, then click on the "8a WV AUXCOMM".

Prerequisites: Send (email) soft copies of "All" or "What Completed Certificates" you have to Jim Mangus at wb8yst@aol.com

Students (Amateurs) without ICS-100,200,700,800 may attend the Putnam County WV AUXCOMM Course, provided that they will complete the required prerequisites when the FEMA Web Site becomes available at a later date; therefore, not precluding any Amateur wanting to attend this Course.

Deadline for registration & prerequisites is 5 P.M. (1700 Hours) April 3rd, 2026