

RESOURCE: Amateur (or Auxiliary) Radio Communications Team (ARCT)							
CATEGORY:	Communications				KIND:	Team	
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	OTHER	
COMPONENT	METRIC						
Team	Description	One Type II (base station) Four Type III (mobile/portable)	Field/base station	Mobile/portable field units	Mobile/portable field additional support unit		
Personnel	See Note 1	12 persons including One supervisor One assistant supervisor	4 (or more) AROs	2 AROs	1 ARO		
Training	Class See Note 2		2 must be General or higher	Technician or higher At least 1 General or higher if available	Technician or higher		
Equipment	Radios		VHF/UHF and HF FM and SSB (voice) CW and DIGITAL recommended	VHF FM HF mobile/portable recommended	VHF FM		
Vehicles	Number	Four	One or two	One or two	One		
Supply		Not dependant upon any outside power source or infrastructure	Same as Type I	Same as Type II	Same as Type III		

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COMMENTS:	<p>The ARCT may be pre-existing unit, but more than likely will be assembled from existing registered emergency communication (EmComm) operators at the time a request is received or anticipated. EmComm leaders maintain and provide agency officials and/or ICS Logistics Officers and/or Communications Unit Leaders with a list of persons authorized to activate an ARCT.</p> <p>Note 1: ARO is a licensed and registered Amateur Radio Operator.</p> <p>Note2: ICS training is required for team leaders and strongly recommended for all team members.</p> <p>Each team is designed to provide 24/7 coverage, and will be dispatched with its own supervisor(s), who will also serve as the liaison to the incident communications coordinator.</p> <p>Type I: Full field station providing complete amateur radio emergency/auxiliary communications team for single or multiple agency communications for tactical, logistics, health/welfare, administrative, and other radio traffic.</p> <p>Type II: Short range (VHF/UHF) and long range (HF) voice and digital communications for tactical, logistics, health/welfare, administrative, and other radio traffic. May be assigned to a specific agency, or for AUX/EMCOMM. at a staging area, CP, EOC, etc. for multiple agency service.</p> <p>Type III: May be assigned to a specific agency or to supplement/relieve an existing multi-agency ARCT.</p> <p>Type IV: Rarely (if ever) ordered singly. May be assigned to a specific agency or to supplement/relieve an existing ARCT.</p>					