

## Trinidad and Tobago Amateur Radio Society (TTARS)

The TTARS is the IARU Region 2 Member-Society in Trinidad and Tobago. For emergency communication coordination information: [www.ttars.org](http://www.ttars.org) (The former listing for this information was incorrect; the webmast apologizes for the error).

The Emergency Amateur Radio Service is a voluntary service of the Trinidad and Tobago Amateur Radio Society established in 1951 to engage in providing emergency communication service during emergencies or natural disasters as a result of the frequency and severity of such disasters and the results of the events of hurricane IVAN, its after effects and our review of the operations by the amateur radio communications service during and after the event. The executive of TTARS decided that it was necessary to restructure the operations of EARS to make it more efficient and professional in offering the public an improved service.

The objective of the restructured EARS is to produce a specialized cadre of volunteer operators to carry out the mandate of the amateur radio service to provide an efficient Emergency and Disaster Communication Service. In order to deliver we need to encourage our members to make the commitment and offer their service to The EARS. We are of the view that it will be a rewarding and satisfactory exercise to become a specialist in emergency communications to offer public service to our community.

### Emergency Operations Manager (EOM)

The TTARS Emergency Operations Manager (EOM) is a National and International coordinating, planning and organizational position reporting to the MANCOM and requiring knowledge of communications procedures and organization, as well as technical competence and awareness regarding amateur radio transmission modes equipment and techniques.

The EOM should be familiar with the National Emergency Organization Emergency and Disaster management and the emergency communications structure. He/She shall familiarize himself/herself with the International emergency communications structure and resources and shall represent TTARS as a member of the IARU-R2 Emergency Coordination Advisory Group (ECAG).

The EOM shall maintain a database of all volunteer EARS members with up-date contact information that shall include e-mail address, telephone and mobile telephone numbers with such other pertinent data about the capacity and capabilities of the EARS.

The EOM shall be responsible to maintain and keep in operation an EARS communication net on HF and VHF train and schedule net controllers and operators in efficient methods for handling traffic and messages to develop compatible International norms and standards and ensure their acceptance and adherence by all EARS operators.

The EOM shall be responsible to maintain a fully equipped mobile amateur radio station capable of providing rapid response communications locally or in the Caribbean during emergency or disaster situations.

### Objective:

To provide an efficient first response communications service to the public in the event of emergency or natural disaster and also health and welfare messages, offer communications support to organizations involved in public service, school events and search and rescue operations.

### Functions:

1. To act as the overall manager of the Society's emergency and disaster service to achieve an effective well coordinated unit.
2. To chair meetings of the EARS committee and ensure recording of minutes.
3. To produce and revise the EARS emergency operations manual as necessary, receive and prepare reports from each emergency operation in order to revise plans for approval.

4.To maintain and continually revise and improve techniques based on actual experience under disaster conditions.

5.To ensure that wherever possible common standards and operating procedures are followed in order to handle all emergency communications in a disciplined and professional manner.

6.To encourage TTARS members to volunteer for service and also recruit new amateur radio operators to join TTARS and serve with the EARS.

Appointment:

The position of EOM and the terms of reference are created by the Executive Committee of TTARS (MANCOM) who also appoints the EOM at its discretion, and shall last for the same period as the currently elected Executive Committee.

Expenses:

There is no budget at present for the EARS however subject to approval of the President, Vice President Secretary and Treasurer provisions will be made for certain expenses.

The EARS with approval of the MANCOM will be allowed to solicit donations of cash materials or services from donors on behalf of TTARS. -- 2005-05-17

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