



# **Auxiliary Communications AUXCOMM (AUXC) Course**

**September 27-28, 2025  
0800-1700 (CST)**

**Lake County Emergency Operations Center  
656 W. Winchester Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048**

The Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) course trains amateur radio operators to serve as auxiliary communicators during all-hazards emergency operations or planned events. Since 2011, the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency Emergency Communications Division (CISA ECD) has conducted AUXCOMM courses across the nation and trained thousands of students in this course.

## **Description**

This course is designed for auxiliary communicators who volunteer to provide backup emergency communications support to "public safety" agencies. Volunteer communications operators/groups, using amateur radio, and other communications platforms, have been providing emergency backup communications to the public safety sector for over 100 years. Event planners, public safety officials, and emergency managers at all levels of government utilize their services. Often, AUXCOMM services have been used when other forms of communications have failed or have been significantly disrupted. Today, nearly every state/territory has incorporated some level of participation by AUXCOMM personnel into their TICPs and SCIPs.

This course focuses on auxiliary communications interoperability, the relationship between the COML and AUXC volunteers, emergency operations center (EOC) etiquette, on-the-air etiquette, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations, auxiliary communications training and planning, and emergency communications deployment. The course is intended to supplement and standardize a volunteer operator's experience and knowledge of emergency amateur radio communications in a public safety context. Course materials and the AUXC Position Task Book will be provided to students via digital download prior to the course start date.

This course is two days long (up to 10 hours each day) and is limited to 30 students.

## Class Prerequisites

To attend this course, applicants must have the following prerequisites:

- An active FCC amateur radio license is recommended *but not required*
- Past experience in auxiliary emergency communications
- A desire to work with COMs in a NIMS/ICS environment
- An affiliation with a public safety agency
- Completion of the following **FEMA** training courses:
  - IS-100, Introduction to the ICS
  - IS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Incidents
  - IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction
  - IS-800, National Response Framework (NRF), an Introduction

## Course Dates and Location

This AUXCOMM course is offered September 27-28, 2025, at the Lake County Emergency Operations Center, 656 W. Winchester Rd., Libertyville, IL. There is no charge for this training, and course materials will be provided by CISA ECD. All travel/per diem costs are the responsibility of the individual student.

## Registration

To RSVP, complete and submit the fillable PDF application along with a copy of your current FCC amateur license (*recommended but not required*) and scanned copies of all prerequisite Certificates of Completion, for IS prerequisite courses. Submit requested documentation to **John Nebl at [John.Nebl@DuPageCounty.gov](mailto:John.Nebl@DuPageCounty.gov)**. The four required prerequisite Independent Study Courses are listed at the top of this page.

Copies of prerequisite documentation which verify applicants have met the prerequisites and are eligible to take part in the course should be submitted for reviewed at least ten (10) days prior to the course start date.

Registration is not complete until all documentation has been received and verified by **John Nebl**. Admittance is limited to 30 qualified applicants. **John Nebl** will notify applicants when their registration is confirmed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **John Nebl at [John.Nebl@DuPageCounty.gov](mailto:John.Nebl@DuPageCounty.gov) 630-453-2262**.