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The *REACT* EComm Certification is a program to provide the public service community with trained radio operators who will have a consistent level of expertise in Emergency Communications no matter where they live.

This program is deliberately very similar to the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications certification program and, wherever possible, the two programs provide an identical or equivalent curriculum. Due to the multi-service nature of *REACT* emergency communications, the *REACT* program includes material that is not applicable to the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications program. *REACT* members who hold an Amateur Radio operator license are highly encouraged to complete both certification programs. (You will find this is very nearly 'two for the work of one' due to the significant duplication between these programs).

Due to *REACT*'s international nature we face differences in infrastructure, social institutions and customs, and especially laws and regulations, which may create significant differences in various countries where *REACT* is active. The basic principles described here will apply to almost any setting, but members in countries outside the United States should expect differences in specific procedures. A version of this program may be developed for *REACT* members in other countries as resources allow.

Neither your radio operator license nor this Emergency Communications certification is a substitute for local training. However, local training cannot succeed without foundations such as the appropriate licenses and technical background. To be successful, one needs all these components: (a) the appropriate licenses (b) the certification program and (c) local training.

We could do without the *REACT* certification program if every local Teams provided all of the same coverage in their training. However there are many Teams without any formal training program and this certification program provides a level of understanding, consistent across the nation. The *REACT* certification was never designed to replace local training. These two programs are complementary and neither will function as effectively by themselves as the two, working together.

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