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LEARN TO BE A HAM RADIO OPERATOR CLASSES START JANUARY 10th AND FEBRUARY 21st

Chino Hills, CA – Amateur Radio license classes will be offered in Chino Hills thanks to the efforts of the Chino Hills Auxiliary Radio Team, also known as CHART. The group of ham radio operators was formed in 1994. They volunteer their time to provide emergency communications for the City of Chino Hills. Ham radio operators must be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Six-week courses will be offered at the Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Drive. Licensed ham radio operators can communicate with others even when there is no power or cell service. The CHART team members are disaster service workers for the City of Chino Hills and provide emergency communications services during emergencies and other disasters.

The Technician Class license is the entry level license for ham radio operators. The Technician course culminates with a 35-question test on radio theory, regulations, and operating practices. A Technician Class license allows a ham radio operator to communicate locally, and most often, within North America. The General Class license grants some additional radio operating privileges and opens the door to world-wide communications. General Class licensees must already hold a Technician Class license or have recently passed the Technician exam.

Both the Technician Class and General Class will be offered concurrently on Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. starting on January 10th with the testing administered on February 14th. The classes will be offered again starting Wednesday, February 21st from 6:00–9:00 p.m. with final testing on March 28th. Participants will be required to purchase their own course book: the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Ham Radio License Manual for the Technician Class; or, the ARRL General Class License Manual prior to the first class meeting. Each student will be charged \$20, in advance, which includes the testing fee and instructor charge. For additional information about the classes, please send an email to ChinoHillsHamTest@outlook.com and a member of the CHART team will respond.

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CHART welcomes new members. Their meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Drive. Weekly nets are held every Thursday, except on the CHART meeting night, at 7 p.m. CHART's tactical frequency is 145.510 simplex. The City's 220 Mhz repeater frequency is 224.720 pl 127.3 - offset. For more information, please contact Richard Boltinghouse, the City's Emergency Services Coordinator, at (909) 364-2713.

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