Chino Hills, CA – Amateur Radio license classes are 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. The four-week course will be offered at the Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Drive.

The Technician Class will be on Mondays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. starting on June 10 with the testing administered on July 8. Participants must purchase their own course book: the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Ham Radio License Manual for the Technician Class, 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.

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 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.

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. For more information, please call (909) 364-2610.

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