Wahkiakum County ARC Comm Plan – summary draft Nov 16, 2021

In the event of an emergency – all hams are encouraged to monitor 145.55 simplex for news, updates, and assignments. Once net control is established, NC will designate alternate frequencies as needed.

Our public has been instructed to contact their closest Fire Hall with concerns if no other options exist.

We will staff the amateur radio each fire hall, and these other locations:
Cathlamet Fire
Riastaka Road (Fire #3)
Grays River (Fire #3)
Skamokawa (Fire #2)
Beaver Creek (Fire #4)
Boerge Road (Fire #4)
Puget Island (Fire #1)
Altoona (Peter McGuire's home)
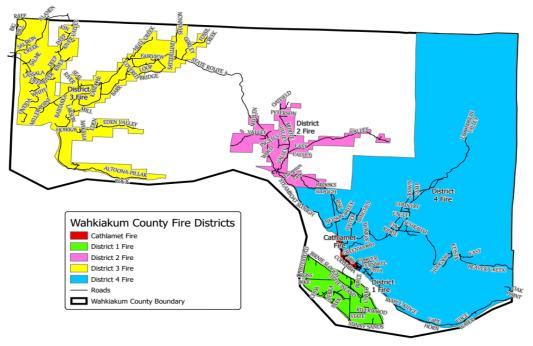Wahkiakum HS
EOC (River Street Meeting Room)

Our purpose is to serve as a conduit for health and welfare traffic to lessen their burden on our first responders. And, if needed, to supplement first responder communications if requested.

We may also be asked to check on folks or conditions in outlying areas.

We also maintain comms with outside organizations, primarily to pass health and welfare traffic. Our first choice is to use Winlink to get messages into the internet system outside of our local area. We can also use other digital modes, plus SB and CW via the national traffic system.
Stations with this capability are:
Peter in Altoona
Dave, Bob, Ron, Gordon on Puget Island
Steve and Will in the east end of the county
For all comms we should use the Radiogram format so we have a record of traffic passed.

1:160,000   Note: fire district #4 completed an annexation in 8/2021 which increased their area. This map reflects those changes.