

## **BERT: Beaverton Emergency Radio Team**

**Lead:** Group Supervisor

**Reports to:** EM Manager

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### **Leadership**

The Beaverton Emergency Radio Team (BERT) is part of the Emergency Management program within the City of Beaverton. BERT provides auxiliary communications support in the event of an emergency. BERT leadership is composed of the Group Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, Station Manager, Assistant Station Manager, Communication Specialist, Logistics Specialist, and Training Specialist. Please refer to the volunteer leadership roster for current postings and contact information.

### **Membership**

BERT is comprised of volunteers who want to support the community using various forms of radio communication. Some BERT members are also members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Volunteers can be part of BERT, CERT, or both, depending on their training. To be a member of BERT, you must register as an Emergency Management volunteer with the City of Beaverton. Participation is subject to the policies and procedures in the Beaverton Emergency Management Volunteer Handbook.

### **Operations**

BERT manages several different operations. BERT operates a local broadcast radio station on 1610 AM which provides emergency response information to the Beaverton area. BERT staffs the Radio Room which supports the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during an activation. BERT members operate from their home station, or they may be assigned to a CERT field team or a Beaverton point of distribution as directed by the EOC.

### **Community Events**

BERT members volunteer to provide radio support for community events. This gives BERT the opportunity to practice their communication skills in the field. BERT provides radio support for the annual Beaverton Half-Marathon, Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony, May Day exercise, etc. BERT members also have the opportunity to volunteer for similar events in the area like the Hood-to-Coast relay. These events allow BERT members to support their community while developing essential skills.

### **Training**

BERT provides training on multiple levels. BERT hosts a Get on The Air class for practicing basic radio communications. BERT hosts a weekly radio net to practice coordinating radio traffic and maintain readiness. There are training opportunities in the Radio Room for more advanced radio skills. BERT also conducts monthly training for BERT and CERT members on general topics and radio use.