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AMATEUR RADIO "FIELD DAY" JUNE 22-23 – FOCUS ON SCIENCE, SKILLS AND SERVICE

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Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. Members of the Lincoln County Amateur Radio Club will be participating in the national Amateur Radio Field Day exercise, June 22-23, 2019 at the Port of Toledo Waterfront Park next to the Toledo Post Office. The Club Members will be on site from 11:00 am Saturday to 11:00 am Sunday; this event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.



For over 100 years, Amateur Radio - sometimes called ham radio- has allowed people from all walks of life to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster, all without needing a cell phone or the Internet. Field Day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network.

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Why Field Day is a showcase for how Amateur Radio works reliably under any conditions from almost any location to create an independent communications network. "Ham radio functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with tablets or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That's the beauty of Amateur Radio during a communications outage," says David Isgur, N1RSN, communications manager for ARRL The national association for Amateur Radio®, (www.arrl.org), which represents Amateur (or "ham") Radio operators across the country.

"In today's electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters or emergencies if the standard communication infrastructure goes down," Isgur adds.



Anyone may become a licensed Amateur Radio operator. There are more than 725,000 licensed hams in the United States, as young as 9 and as old as 100. And with clubs such as the Lincoln County Amateur Club, it's easy for anybody to get involved right here in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office also sponsors the Auxiliary Communications Service Volunteer Group, 70+ Amateur Radio Operators specifically supporting local government emergency response, information brochure attached.

For more information:

- **Field Day** - visit Lincoln County Amateur Radio Club's web site at www.n7oy.org/ or visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.
 - Contact Michelle Pelkey, KA7OQQ at n7oy.lcarc@gmail.com.
- **Lincoln County Auxiliary Communications Service Volunteer Group** - <http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement/page/auxiliary-communications-service> or call (541) 265-4199

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