

## Why a Ham License Can Be Important October 26, 2017

Our Educational Moment tonight is why having a Ham License important?

Amateur radio operators are much more than hobbyists; they provide extremely important communications, especially during and after emergencies.

Those with Ham Licenses are among the unsung heroes of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires and floods. In the aftermath of a disaster, many cell sites and land lines become flooded, overloaded or non-existent. Even the 911 system is unable to handle the unusual number of urgent calls. Amateur operators are involved in many rescues, providing the only communications link to rescuers.

Tonight, we will be asking those who have Ham licenses to report this skill. All of us will need to know who has a Ham License in our zone. It is important to know in case of a disaster.