

Volunteers

Amateur Radio Operators

Amateur radio persons, better known as Hams, have been included in Emergency Management disaster planning. These persons have the responsibility of providing backup communications in the event of a failure of the government system. They are also a ready resource for supplementing communications at large disasters or emergencies.

With the computer and combination radio resource they provide, Hughes County can communicate to the outside world when needed. This group consists of about 28 volunteers who meet monthly to maintain the experience of the new trends. They have provided many hours to the community through severe weather watches, training meetings, and public relations service.

Weather Spotters

Volunteers respond when summoned for assistance to watch the weather. Their response is in their personal vehicles, and they drive several miles each watch with disregard to any damage that may occur because of hail and strong winds. The skilled training of the spotter is vital to the early warning and protection of Hughes County citizens.