

**If Cell Phone and Internet service fails,
you can't reach 911 or Emergency Services...
How Will You Keep Your Family Safe?**



Over 50% of US Homeowners and 70% of Renters (*Probably even higher in Rim Country!*) depend entirely upon cell-phones to stay in touch with our friends, our families, and Emergency Services. Cell phones, in turn, depend upon billions of dollars of technology not to fail.

Here in Rim Country we can experience severe storms, fires, flooding events and power shutdowns – events that disrupt vital communications services and can place lives at risk.

NOTE: *Neighborhood Radio Watch Programs ARE NOT a replacement for Emergency Services such as Police, Fire, the Sheriff's Office or 911. These programs are intended solely as a backup communications solution When All Else Fails.*

How will you keep yourself, your family and friends safer in a disaster when landline, cell phone, and Internet service fails? Organizing a **Neighborhood Radio Watch Program in YOUR COMMUNITY** could be the solution...

Radio For The Rest of Us

For years, Amateur Radio Operators (aka "Hams"), have used radios when normal communications fail. Radio also aids *First Responders* during disasters. However, it's become increasingly critical for "*The Rest of Us*," our families, our friends, and our community, to also have access to reliable communications when cell phone and Internet services fail.

Getting a Ham Radio license requires passing a test beyond the interests of most. But there are radio alternatives that citizens can use without passing a test.

Rim Country residents can learn how to use simple & affordable GMRS radios **which require no FCC license test**, to communicate when phone and Internet services are disabled.

Interested? Neighborhood Radio Watch programs were started in 2022 in Beaver Valley and 2023 in Pine/Strawberry and are holding weekly NRW "Safety Nets" every Saturday night

Your community can do this too... it's fun and can prepare you for when you or your neighbors may need help.

<https://BeaverValleyEstates.org/Neighborhood-Radio-Watch/>

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What is a Neighborhood Radio Watch "Safety Net"

Neighborhood Radio Watch is a program for residents to provide a method of communications when normal phone service is unavailable. 911 is ALWAYS the best way to get emergency help when you need it, but if phone service is down (which happens here in Rim Country) Neighborhood Radio Watch can serve as a backup method of neighbor-to-neighbor communications using inexpensive "walkie-talkie" type radios (GMRS).

What is a Radio "Safety Net?"

A Radio "Safety Net" is an essential part of any successful *Neighborhood Radio Watch* program. A Safety Net is a regular, on-the-air, radio virtual meeting place where residents can check in each week to learn and practice basic radio communications skills *before an emergency or disaster strikes*.

A weekly Radio Safety Net helps you to:

- Check your radio to ensure it is charged up and working
- Learn how to use your radio before you might really need it
- Ensure the radio itself is working
- Get to know your neighbors
- Let others know that you're OK.



**Safety Nets are held
Every Saturday Night by both
Pine/Strawberry and Beaver Valley
Neighborhood Radio Watch organizations.
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