

**Sonoma County Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)  
Coast Unit -- A Brief Fact Sheet (de W6WTI)**

The Sonoma County Auxiliary Communications Service is sponsored by the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services as a volunteer group of amateur radio operators providing supplemental communications service.

“ACS is a program created by government to supplement its emergency communications with professional, unpaid staff. ACS is not a ham radio club, but is a part of local government and operates under the authority of the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services (DES). ACS supports any and all government public service communications systems in the event of failure, overload or other problems that might jeopardize their usefulness.”

Volunteer ACS operators are registered and trained by the ACS Leadership and are Registered as Disaster Service Workers. ACS Operators are issued photo ID cards by County DES. As DSWs for the County they are covered by Workman’s Compensation when on official assignments.

The Radio Officer (RO) of Sonoma County ACS reports to the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services. The RO is supported by Assistants in the areas of Operations, Planning, Logistics and Administration. The RO is also supported by 6 geographic Units: Central County, Coast, North County, Russian River, Sonoma Valley and South County. Each geographic Unit is lead by a Unit Leader and assistants who are responsible for recruiting, training, and assigning Volunteer ACS Operators to support governmental clients in their Unit.

The Coast Unit encompasses the coastal area from Fort Ross to the Gualala River. In this area there are no incorporated cities, though there are resident CalFire, County Sheriff, Fire Protection Districts, County and State Parks, Volunteer Fire Departments and the Sea Ranch Association as well as other entities (e.g. Coast Life Support District) which may have communications needs in the event of an emergency.

Unit volunteers live mainly in Sonoma County, but we do encourage South Coastal Mendocino County operators to also register as Sonoma County ACS operators

**Resources:**

Volunteers     The Coast Unit has 29 volunteers registered, 7 of them live in Mendocino Co.

Equipment     VHF and HF Radios are permanently installed at the North Fire Station, TSR  
This station has emergency battery power.

VHF radio antenna is pre-installed at the CalFire station on Annapolis Rd.

VHF radio and antenna is installed at the Timber Cove Volunteer Fire Station

Volunteer operators are also prepared to utilize personally owned equipment

Additional Information: <http://sonoma-county-acs.org/>

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