

October 25, 2007 DelMarVa Survival Training Chat Session Ham Radio

Delizard: Welcome to DelMarVa Survival Training Chat session. Tonight we will talk about Ham & CB radio's.

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Delizard: Let me start with..... The most difficult thing about an emergency IS NOT KNOWING WHAT IS GOING ON.

Delizard: We all need answers in an emergency and the best way I know is with a radio.

Delizard: A Ham radio in the 2 meter band is what most Ham operator's use, but you should also have a CB radio close at hand.

Delizard: Ham radio operations will get you news of the events happening not only in the world but also will let you know what is happening in other parts of the United States.

Delizard: In a crisis you will find that most communications system will be down so your only alternative to communications will be either Ham radio equipment or by way of a cb radio. Either will provide you with the badly needed communications with the outside world.

Delizard: Ham radio is ideal for long range communications while CB radio does just fine for the short local communications requirements. In some locations the Police and other emergency operations will be monitoring the CB radio frequencies.

Delizard: You can easily obtain a list of emergency communication frequencies used in your immediate area, most of which can be obtained from your local police, fire officials or your local homeland security units.

Delizard: With a little experience and easily constructed modifications to your CB radio you could become efficient at determining just how far a transmitting station is from your location and what direction they are coming from. Armed with this knowledge you can best determine your next course of action.

Delizard: Another Ham related item that is beneficial to know is the Morse code. Many times ham operators use the Morse code in place of voice to obtain longer distant transmissions. It is good for you to learn this code so that you can understand the code transmissions as they are being sent. Ham operators have a slang all their own which you will pick up as you monitor the various transmissions.

Delizard: Many Ham Operators today use what is called "Packet Radio" which operates in conjunction with a PC computer.

Delizard: Most of the newer CB radios produced today have Sideband operation built in. This feature makes the CB radio much more useful. I think the most important feature found in the modern CB radio to the upper and lower sidebands which allows further distant reception.

Delizard: This concludes our presentation on CB radio. If you have any question in the future concerning what we have covered here let this website know and we will get back to you as soon as possible. I thank you for your time.

Delizard: this training chat has ended