

HB-217

When I first joined the Birdseye Volunteer Fire Department in Lewis and Clark County as Volunteer Firefighter in 1976, we had no radios on our Fire Trucks. When called, we were on our own after receiving a call on our home phone and responding to a fire and/or accident.

I used my own Ham Radio to communicate with our Sheriff's Department going through Ham radio repeater located on Mt. Belmont, tying into Lewis and Clark Sheriff's department via a phone patch to conduct necessary traffic during the incident we were responding too.

In later years as a member of Lewis and Clark Co. DES, I responded when called upon to provide communications as needed by local and county authorities, including the State of Montana as a member of RACES.

I and other Ham Radio Operators have responded when called throughout Montana in response to numerous disasters when called by authorities.

This is a good bill and I ask that you support HB-217.

Thank you,

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