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**Press Release**  
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## **NPSTC Is Again Pleased To Offer Ham Operator Testing and NIIX Training**

Would you like to become a licensed ham operator or upgrade your current license? At NPSTC's September meeting to be held in Seattle, WA, NPSTC's Amateur Radio Working Group will offer Technician, General, and Amateur Extra written exams. Testing will occur on Monday, September 15, from 10am-12 noon. Amateur Radio examinations are administered by teams of certified Volunteer Examiners. For information on amateur radio licensing levels, test requirements, and helpful study guides, visit: [ARRL](http://ARRL).

The exam fee is \$14.00. Candidates will need to bring two forms of ID, one with a photo. Licensed hams will need to bring their original license with a copy as well that will be sent in with the test results. Those with Certificates of Successful Completion (CSCE) being used for credit will need to bring the original copy of each CSCE plus a copy of each CSCE being used for upgrading. Participants will need a calculator for math problems, two pencils, and a pen. Although, the Amateur Radio Working Group would like to know in advance who plans to participate in the testing, walk-ins are certainly welcome.

For more information on Ham testing, call/email: Tom Abernethy, NPSTC Amateur Radio Working Group Chair; Email: [w3tom@arrl.org](mailto:w3tom@arrl.org), or call 301-292-6263.

NPSTC will also provide training on the use and administration of NIIX, the National Interoperability Information eXchange. NIIX is not only available for state planning, but is available to serve state and local public safety users who need a collaborative tool, including the coordination of cross-border issues or planning for special events like the 2010 Olympics. Training will also occur on Monday morning, time and location in Seattle TBD.

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