

# Radio Frequencies that Norm is allowed to program into your ham radios at the Ham Refresher Class

## August 16th - SURPRISE

Well, every day working on this class, I learn something new! Turns out that the frequencies that TCEP owns (Crossbands: North, South, Old) are NOT freely open to all TCEP members. It took us awhile to understand since previously Norm was told that all that was needed was a ham license and TCEP membership, but now TCEP has let us know they have added Proficiency Requirements\*\*.

Which I still don't quite understand since I thought that you gained proficiency through practice in an environment where you could observe others and participate, but hey: they're not our Repeaters. The best I can wrap my head around it is that it's like Thanksgiving where there's a Grownup's Table and a Kid's Table.

The Proficiency Requirement\*\* would currently take a minimum of 12 weeks to attain: it requires demonstrating proficiency with directed nets by participating in the Sunday Night Net 12 times. As it currently stands, this new requirement keeps folks off some of the Repeaters in Topanga and out of the TCEP Disaster Radio Team (DRT) information loop until November: well into the 2019 Fire Season...

But at least we've got W6DRT - let's make the most of it!

## 1) Available to ALL Licensed Hams

— **W6DRT** (courtesy of TCEP) - **some** power backup in a PSPS; on 2 SCE Circuits (Vicasa & Sylvania)

— **Simplex** (person to person)

— **SPLX-1, SPLX-2, SPLX-3, SPLX-A, SPLX-B, SPLX-G**

— Fire, Sheriff, etc. (Listen Only)

member supported:

— **PAPA1 (P1-OAT)** - no power backup in a PSPS

— **PAPA4 (P4-Sad)** - no power backup in a PSPS

## 2) Available to NON-Licensed Folks

### — In LISTEN Mode only - NO Transmitting

— **W6DRT** (courtesy of TCEP) - **some** power backup in a PSPS; on 2 SCE Circuits (Vicasa & Sylvania)

— **Simplex** (person to person)

— **SPLX-1, SPLX-2, SPLX-3, SPLX-A, SPLX-B, SPLX-G**

— Fire, Sheriff, etc. (Listen Only)

member supported:

— **PAPA1 (P1-OAT)** - no power backup in a PSPS

— **PAPA4 (P4-Sad)** - no power backup in a PSPS

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## **\*\*TCEP Proficiency Requirements (8/15/19)**

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"TCEP volunteers are required to prove their proficiency by checking in to the DRT Sunday Night Net 12 times annually

Non-TCEP hams are asked to do the same.

Once someone has checked-in 12 times and shown they can follow protocol, maybe granted access to WB6ZTR

Non-TCEP hams should wait for Topanga Control to ask for guest check-ins, and respond with their call sign"

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Starting this Sunday, these requirements put qualification off to November (well into the 2019 Fire Season), after that you can ask TCEP members James Grasso or Bryce Anderson to install them.

**James** - james@tcep.org

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## ***NOT INCLUDED IN THE HAM REFRESHER CLASS***

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### **3) The Whole Enchilada For Licensed Hams - TCEP Repeaters & More**

—Crossband Repeaters:

—**North** (*OFFLINE*)

—**South** - **GOOD** power backup in a PSPS

—**Old** - **some** power backup in a PSPS

### **4) Sam's Private Repeater For Licensed Hams**

—**WB6ZTR** - **GOOD** power backup in a PSPS

—**no TCEP membership required**