

# What is Ham Radio?

■ A man in Dallas receives a data transmission from an orbiting satellite. He forwards the data to a university in Norway, to help the students with a science project.

■ During a Colorado wildfire, communications assistance from volunteer Amateur Radio operators helps save lives and property.



■ A woman in Connecticut uses a pocket-sized handheld radio when she's out of cell phone range to talk to her friends in North Carolina.



*This unique mix of fun, public service, and experimentation is the distinguishing characteristic of Amateur Radio, also called "ham" radio.*



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