

REMINDER

SEMARC In the Park!

When: Saturday, July 28, 2018; 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Ojibway Park Shelter; 2695 Ojibway Drive, Woodbury, MN (Ojibway Park is located behind Woodbury Senior High on Woodlane Drive)

What: A chance for radio amateurs to show their mobile setups, their go-kits for ARES or RACES deployment; SOTA or IOTA equipment, QRP gear, etc.

K1R

SEMARC has secured the call sign K1R, to operate a special event station recognizing/honoring the contributions of community first responders. Attendees with their stations will be allotted time to use them to participate in the special event and use the event call sign.

Community responders represent a number of professions: law enforcement; emergency medical services; firefighters; and other community emergency personnel. The U.S. only has approximately 800,000 law enforcement officials, 1.1 million firefighters and 210,000 EMTs/paramedics. That's 2.1 million first responders supporting more than 300 million neighbors.

In Minnesota, we have 12,405 EMS personnel registered as first responders; 9500 are basic EMTs and almost 2300 are certified paramedics. In the most recent 12-month period for which statistics are available, there were more than 400,00 requests for emergency medical services.

We have 12,300 licensed peace officers, 10,576 of whom are active.

We have 3810 licensed firefighters, 2300 of whom are full-time career and 2037 of whom are part time volunteers. In all, there are 20,000 firefighters in Minnesota, more than 90% of whom are volunteers.

Additionally, we benefit from the contributions of reserve police officers, conservation officers, Coast Guard personnel and other community first responders.