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## support for SNCU emergency preparedness

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Hello.

I am writing in support of the emergency preparedness funding request for the Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit (SNCU).

My name is Kevin Dwan. I am a ham radio volunteer with the Sonoma Central Unit of the FEMA Auxiliary Communications Service. I am also active in SNCU.

SNCU now has over 200 volunteers equipped with handheld radios. We practice regularly to prepare for emergencies.

In the past, our net control radio base station was housed at the Fire Department. With the recent consolidation of fire services and the shift of the Emergency Operations Manager role to the Police Chief, we hope to locate our base station radios at the Police Department.

In emergencies, this will permit emergency managers to rapidly communicate information out to neighborhoods. It will also augment reporting back to the EOC of conditions around the City and nearby areas.

Please help us complete this link between neighborhood volunteers and Sebastopol's emergency operations center.

Thank you.

Kevin Dwan

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**Any man's true work is to get his boots on each morning.**

Mr. Watson, met on the road by William Least Heat Moon in his *Blue Highways*