



**A Letter of Understanding
between the
Provincial Emergency Radio Communications Service
represented by the
British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program
and the
Amateur Radio Emergency Service
represented by the
Field Services Organization
of
Radio Amateurs of Canada Inc.**

The Provincial Emergency Radio Communications Service (PERCS) provides emergency radio communication capability through the services of volunteers. PERCS operates in support of the British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) and local authorities in BC. The PERCS concept was developed to create a unique sense of identity and source of information for amateur radio volunteers.

The national organization that is recognized by the Canadian government and internationally as the representative of all amateur radio operators in Canada is the not-for-profit Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) Incorporated.

The purpose of this Letter of Understanding (LOU) is to clarify the relationship, roles, responsibilities and terminology between the Field Services of Radio Amateurs of Canada Inc. and the Provincial Emergency Radio Communications Service. This document is not intended to create, does not create, and should not be interpreted as creating, any contractual or other enforceable legal relationship between the parties.

PERCS and the RAC/ARES agree to work jointly to develop, support and provide an emergency radio communications capability to the BC emergency response structure and in the service of the public. This may be achieved through a number of coordinating functions and is not limited to the following:

- sharing of resources;
- development of training materials and conduct of training activities;
- development, conduct and evaluation of emergency amateur radio communications exercises.