

On June 1, 2013 A group of Volunteer Examiners from The Raritan Valley Radio Club (W2QW) conducted a Hamcram/Exam session at the request of the Lance Andrew, N2UUS, of the Manalapan MRC-CERT to license the Manalapan Township R.A.C.E.S. volunteers in obtaining their Amateur Radio Technician license. The Township had received a challenge Grant to provision emergency communications Go-Kits to increase the communication resources of the MRC-CERT response team in future emergency responses in the aftermath of destructive storms such as the recent Tropical Storm Sandy.

The township asked for assistance in training their candidates in the licensing materials and the implementation of a VE Exam session immediately following the review sessions. From April 25, 2013 to May 31, 2013 the candidates used the available study guides and took practice exams with the objective of passing the Technician exam and participating in the Field day event scheduled for the weekend of June 22, 2013.

George Holubec, NE2U, of DSRC , and W2AEW, Alan Wolke of W2QW, conducted 3 consecutive back to back review sessions from early morning to midafternoon, and Drew Moore, W2OU, of W2QW, and other club VEs conducted a VE Exam session for 19 candidates. 12 candidates successfully passed the Technician exam and will receive their license grants well in advance of the Field Day event. The event will be the first opportunity to demonstrate their operating skills under emergency conditions in the field.

The W2QW Volunteer Examiners that participated in the exam process are:

W2OU	E. Drew Moore
W2AEW	Alan Wolke
K2VHW	Marvin Bronstein
W2IU	Dennis Kopecky
KB2JSG	Marty Goldfarb
KB2SFH	Susan Terrigino
AB2ZK	Tim Holloran

Other participating VEs from other clubs were:

NE2U	George Holubec	DSRC
AA2ZJ	Gerry Miller	TCRA
KE2TT	Carlos Prior	TCRA
WA2FPB	Ken Brockel	OMARC
KC2THY	John Stockman	TCRA

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to all team members by the Manalapan Township MRC-CERT organization.