

Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club Code of Conduct

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Preamble

Enforcement of the following code of conduct shall be at the discretion of the SEARC Board of Directors subject to club approval per Article III of the SEARC Constitution as Amended June 6, 2006.

The equipment owners represented by the Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club, can alter or make exceptions to these Rules of Conduct at any time, for any reason, with or without prior notice.

We will make every attempt to post the Rules of Conduct in a timely manner online at the Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club website, www.w0zwy.org.

Repeater Ownership Statement

The Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club (SEARC) of the Sioux Empire in South Dakota has been assigned the FCC call sign W0ZWY. SEARC has appointed a trustee of the W0ZWY call sign. SEARC, through it's membership, has allowed the W0ZWY call sign to be used on three amateur radio repeaters located in the city of Sioux Falls in the state of South Dakota. The three W0ZWY repeaters (including all hardware and associated components with each repeater), are each owned by SEARC, and can be found on the coordinated frequencies of 146.895 MHz, 444.200 MHz and 442.750 MHz.

Equipment Policy

It is our intent to provide resources to our members for use to assist, and to promote the hobby of amateur radio. If individuals do not comply with this code of conduct, the Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club retains the right to recall the club's equipment, and refuse further use of club equipment to that group or individual. Any damages to the equipment while it is out will be assessed, and if needed restitution to the club will be sought.

Repeater Policy

It is our intent to provide repeater service to our members and other licensed amateurs. If individuals do not comply with the code of conduct, they will be invited to discontinue use of the repeater, repeated violation or illegal operations will result in a report to the authorities.

Code of Conduct

1. Repeater usage is at the sole discretion of the Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club, and it's Board of Directors. Repeater usage is a privilege, not a right.
2. Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club membership does not entitle members to accessing repeater controls.
3. The Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club will maintain a list of designated control operators.
4. Do not act on the behalf of the Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club without the approval from the club or its Board of Directors.
5. Refrain from conduct that is harmful to the amateur hobby, the Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club, or other members.

6. Traffic “not harmful” as expressed in No. 3 above and conforming to “good radio practice” is encouraged.
7. Only club members or individuals under the direct supervision of a club member may use club equipment.
8. If you have concerns with club equipment, log them immediately with a club officer or board member before you take possession of it.
9. Operate within FCC rules and regulations and respect normal operating procedures.
10. Yield existing conversations to recognized activities local to the Sioux Empire : SEARES, Tuesday Night SEARC net, etc.
11. When using I.R.L.P, or other advanced repeater functions, identify yourself often and do not “park” on a connection. You must actively participate in function utilized (i.e. Check into net). Passive monitoring of IRLP is limited to 30 minutes per day.
12. Purposeful jamming or interfering with repeater operations is not only bad manners, it’s illegal. We take this seriously and will report violations to the proper authorities for action.
13. Transmitting touch tones to gain unauthorized control of repeater functions or to cause interference to users is prohibited.