

1 **New Jersey Emergency Communications Team (NJECT)**

2 **~CONSTITUTION~**

3 **Created and adopted this 19th day of December 2015**

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5 **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE**

6 We the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasure and benefits of the
7 association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio and public safety,
8 constitute ourselves as the New Jersey Emergency Communications Team (hereinafter
9 referred to as NJECT) with an initial contact address of 361 Roosevelt Ave Bayville NJ
10 08721, and enact this Constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to
11 further the knowledge, fraternalism, and conduct club programs and activities for the
12 advancement of the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community
13 and citizen's public safety. Also the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio
14 communication and experimentation; the establishment of Amateur Radio networks to
15 provide electronic communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies; the
16 furtherance of the public welfare; the advancement of the radio art; the fostering and
17 promotion of noncommercial intercommunication by electronic means throughout the
18 world; the fostering of education in the field of electronic communication; the
19 promotion and conduct of research and development to further the development of
20 electronic communication; the dissemination of technical, educational and scientific
21 information relating to electronic communication; and the printing and publishing of
22 documents, books, magazines, newspapers and pamphlets necessary or incidental to any
23 of the above purposes.

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25 The organization shall maintain its public service assistance in training, education in
26 amateur radio, public safety communications and further provide direct volunteer
27 communications assistance and offer courses for local first responders, both volunteer
28 and public employees as well as members of the public.

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30 We are organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes,
31 including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as
32 exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the
33 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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36 **ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP**

37 All persons interested in Amateur Radio and Public Safety communications shall be
38 eligible for membership. New membership shall be applied for by submitting the proper
39 membership application form with the appropriate fee within the terms and By-laws of
40 the club. Membership classes and fees may be created, deleted, or changed in the By-
41 Laws of this organization as outlined in Article Seven.

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43 **ARTICLE 3 – CAPTIAL OWNERSHIP**

- 44 A) All equipment and capital pertinent to the club operations, including but not
45 limited to, communications and/or scientific equipment, technology information
46 and devices, vehicles, and/or real property shall remain the property of NJECT
47 for as long as the club exists.
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- 49 B) No part of any donations or the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the
50 benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private
51 persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay
52 reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and
53 distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Preamble hereof. No
54 substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying of
55 propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization
56 shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing and distribution
57 of statements) any political campaign of or in opposition to any candidate for
58 public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the
59 organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on
60 1) by a organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of
61 the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax
62 code, or 2) by a organization , contributions to which are deductible under section
63 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any
64 future federal tax code.
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- 66 C) Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or
67 more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
68 Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or
69 shall be distributed to a recognized 501(c)(3) organization or to the federal
70 government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such
71 assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent
72 Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then
73 located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as
74 said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such
75 purposes.
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77 **ARTICLE 4 – ADMINISTRATION**

78 The organization shall be administered by a minimum staff of five (5) officers,
79 heretofore called, “Board of Directors” which shall include: a President, Vice
80 President, Treasurer, and Secretary whom will consist of the Board of Directors
81 plus one “Member-at-large.” The duties and responsibilities of these officers shall
82 be defined in the organization’s By-Laws.
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84 **ARTICLE 5 – AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

85 The Board of Directors shall enact appropriate rules, safeguards, and procedures
86 to ensure oversight of the organizational daily activities and the security of its

87 assets. The remainder of the business requirements shall be contained in the By-
88 Laws which shall include but not be limited to; 1) levels and responsibilities of
89 each Board member and of the membership; 2) voting rights of members; 3)
90 voting quorum determination; 4) length of term of offices; 5) any and other such
91 matters relevant to the ongoing business of the organization as determined by the
92 membership.

93 94 **ARTICLE 6 – MEETINGS**

95 The Board of Directors, led by the ranking executive Board officer present or
96 designee may, at their discretion, preside at any and all Board meetings, regular
97 meetings or special meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
98 Meetings will be held according to the By-Laws of this organization, but must
99 meet at a minimum of once per year.

100 101 **ARTICLE 7 – DUES AND FEES**

102 The Board of Directors, along with the approval of two thirds of the Members of
103 NJECT, shall be empowered to prescribe and levy upon the entire membership,
104 user fees and assessments deemed necessary to maintain the club within its
105 objectives set forth in the Preamble. Nonpayment of such fees or assessments
106 may be cause for expulsion from the club and termination of all duties and
107 responsibilities.

108 109 **ARTICLE 8 – AMENDMENTS**

110 Recommendations to amend the existing Constitution and/or By-Laws shall be
111 made by any member in good standing. The proposed amendment must be co-
112 sponsored by at least two other members in good standing and must be read at
113 three consecutive meetings. Then, at the third meeting having been read three
114 times, a final vote may be conducted whether to adopt the amendment.

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116 Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at any general meeting or
117 mailed, emailed or handed to a Board member signed by the instigator and two
118 supporting members. The proposed amendment must be specific in nature, stating
119 the changes to be made to which specific Article in the Constitution and/or By-
120 Laws.

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122 The Board may not modify the wording of the proposed amendment without the
123 expressed permission of the members making the proposal. The Board will give
124 the proposal to the club secretary and place the amendment proposal for
125 discussion on the agenda for a future general or special business meeting that
126 shall be held within a period not to exceed 60 days for the first reading after
127 official receipt of the proposal. The second reading shall occur no less than 30
128 days but not more than 60 days of the first reading. The final reading and vote

129 shall occur not less than 30 days of the second reading, but not more than 60 days
130 of the second reading.

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132 The club secretary is responsible for notifying all current members regarding the
133 date, time, and place of the next general or special business meeting at which the
134 proposal discussion and/or vote will be conducted via the individual member's
135 email address. The Secretary shall notify all voting members at least fifteen
136 business days prior to any general or special meeting.

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138 At the meetings to discuss, modify and/or vote on the proposed amendment, the
139 club President, presiding club officer or Secretary will:

- 140 a) Read the existing by-law
- 141 b) Read the recommended By-Law amendment
- 142 c) Open the floor for discussion

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144 The amendment needs a two thirds majority vote of the club members in
145 attendance in order for the proposal to be approved and adopted. The required
146 meeting quorum must be maintained for the entire discussion for vote to be valid.
147 Results of the vote and the final wording of the amendment must be added to the
148 meeting minutes. The amendment must be entered into the current By-Law
149 edition and included in any future By-Law distribution to current and new
150 members.

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152 **Article 9 CHARTER BOARD MEMBERS**

153 The names of the persons who are the Original Charter Members/Board of
154 Directors and initial officers of NJECT are as follows:

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156 Holger E Skurbe, K2HES President 361 Roosevelt Ave Bayville, NJ 08721
157 Keith Yodice, KC2OON, Vice President Brick, NJ
158 Raymond Raffini, KD2IDP, Secretary Pt. Pleasant, NJ
159 Salvatore Ciappetta, N2LSA Treasurer Forked River, NJ
160 Michael Koptiw, KC2SVZ, Vineland, NJ Member-at-Large

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162 In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our name this 19th day of
163 December, 2015

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165 Holger E. Skurbe _____ Charter President
166 Keith Yodice _____ Charter Vice President
167 Raymond Ruffini _____ Charter Secretary
168 Salvatore Ciappetta _____ Charter Treasurer
169 Michael Koptiw _____ Charter Member-at-Large