

Free Ham Radio Classes Start On March 5

By Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club

NAZARETH- Starting on March 5, the Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will offer free classes for people who would like to obtain an amateur radio license. The class will run for 10 weeks and will prepare students to take the Federal Communications Commission's Amateur basic license examination.

Ham radio has played an important role in communications for more than 100 years and continues to do so. It is part of many emergency management plans because it can be used to communicate if landline telephone lines, cell towers and/or electric grids fail.

It also is a fun hobby for people who enjoy talking with amateur radio operators locally and around the world, participating in contests and field days, and even making contact with the International Space Sta-

According to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the nationally recognized organization for ham radio operators, there are more than 750,000 amateur radio license holders in the United States and more than 3.000.000 worldwide.

Based in Nazareth, the Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club (DLARC) has more than 100 members. It is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Classes are offered as a community service.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC - formerly known as the 911 Center) at 100 Gracedale Avenue in Nazareth, Pennsylvania. For details or to register, contact KE3AW@arrl.net or call 610-419-9286.

Tuition Assistance Program for EMS Professionals

By Rep. Ann Flood

SLATE BELT - The PA Department of Health has announced a \$1 million tuition assistance program to help recruit and retain Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals.

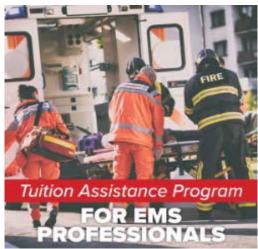
The program is funded by \$1 million from the Fireworks Tax Act each year for the next three years. Pennsylvania residents who obtained a Pennsylvania state certification as an emergency medical responder (EMR), emergency medical technician (EMT), advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), or paramedic after July 1, 2023, are eligible to have a portion of their tuition reimbursed.

In addition, Pennsylvania licensed EMS agencies are eligible to receive reimbursement of expenses related to recruitment and retention efforts, up to \$1,250 per fiscal year.

This tuition reimbursement assistance is in addition to the

recent increase in mileage rates for ambulance services to help support our EMS workers and first responders.

More information about how to obtain reimbursement is available here http://links.pahousenews.com/ g/3WTWWIIcJH0XbiP76Uu8HwJBt4HGHvC5OGvZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gF5RAKdqffYiDLyH I46mop8xSXSA.







Sunday, March 10, 11 am - 4:30 pm, 1860 W. Bangor Rd. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Come and join us for a delicious meal in a friendly environment. Our meatballs and sauce are handmade on the premises. All you can eat for \$12. Children under 8 are free.

Dinner includes spaghetti w/meatballs, sauce, salad, bread, coffee/tea and dessert. Take-out is available!

> For tickets, call Jim Rose 610-533-9974 or Joe DeFranco 610-751-2330 by March 4.

