

The idea that requiring Amateur Extra class operators to pass a 5WPM Morse Code exam will enhance the national security and aid in the war on terror is flawed. Morse code at 5WPM is essentially unusable as a reasonable means to handle emergency traffic. Served agencies are in need of support for emergency e-mail services and amateur operators should be looking towards providing high speed digital communications, not 5WPM Morse code. A 5WPM Morse code requirement would serve only to limit the number of Extra class operators and place an unnecessary burden on the VECs and the FCC in providing the testing.