

## **General Meeting Topic for March**

At our March 20th meeting, Gary Hampton, our Vice President, will present his white paper and ideas about a proposal he is sending to the FCC. He will explain why the FCC should create a new, entry-level class of ham radio operators who would be able to communicate in a limited range of frequencies in the VHF/UHF bands. Gary will also talk about the process that he will use to push this initiative forward with the FCC.

This new class of amateur radio license would be used by the emergency personnel like Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and other volunteers who help with disaster and catastrophic events here in the United States and its territories. These events could include hurricanes, tornados, blizzards, earthquakes, floods, wildfires, etc. Gary plans to solicit comments and feedback on his proposal during the meeting