Why should anyone become an Amateur Radio Operator?

1. I have been asked by many people why I am a Ham radio operator in 2014 when large parts of society have cell phones.

I reply, cell phones need a very complicated infrastructure to make them work and during a crisis’s their systems get overwhelmed and become useless. I could communicate across the state or across the country and internationally using a ham radio, a piece of copper wire and a car battery.

(When all else fails, Ham Radio)

1. I will ask people who they talk to on their cell phone. They answer family, friends, and people at work. I reply, I do the same on my cell phone and on my ham radio, but an added bonus with ham radio is I can put my call sign out on the air waves and depending on the frequency I might get a reply from someone around the block or across the county and many times from around the world. I love talking to people from places I have never been.