

# SOUTHERN COUNTIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC

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### **Amateur of the Year 2017**

The Amateur of the Year Award was originated by John Struckell, Chief Engineer and General Manager of radio station WFPG. In his memory, Southern Counties Amateur Radio Association has continued the presentation of this award, now in its 56<sup>th</sup> year. The person selected is recognized as outstanding for their efforts and contributions resulting in the furtherance of Amateur Radio and anticipated continued activity. Each year's honoree is selected by a panel of past recipients based on their personal knowledge of the candidate's radio activities and recommendations from the amateur radio community.

This year's honoree is always willing to give a hand and share his knowledge and technical expertise with those new to the hobby. He is able to explain some of the newer modes of operation and the equipment needed to utilize them in an understandable way. Previously, he had a local computer sales and service business where many of us in amateur radio met him for the first time.

He currently operates four UHF repeaters using MotoTrbo, Yaesu System Fusion, or D-Star, and an analog repeater with IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project) and Echo Link. He also enjoys working the HF bands and is the holder of the General Class license. His other interests include drone flying and videography for business and leisure. He is in fact a licensed FAA Drone Pilot.

He is very involved in the Shore Points Amateur Radio Club and has served as president or board member for many years. He was instrumental in procuring and setting up the SPARC System Fusion digital/analog repeater system. His knowledge of the hardware and software involved in modern radio repeater systems is well known and respected by his peers.

When operations during emergency or public service events are needed he is ready to do whatever is necessary. Currently, he is the Atlantic County Emergency Coordinator for amateur radio AUXCOMM support during emergency activations.

Our honoree resides in Brigantine, NJ with his devoted wife Maureen, and is a realtor with a local real estate company.

It is with great pleasure that SCARA presents the 56<sup>th</sup> Amateur of the Year Award to,

**Gary W. Paul K2ACY**