

# SOUTHERN COUNTIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC

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### **Amateur of the Year 2018**

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 57<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 was instrumental in changing how government officials look at amateur radio. He has been an advocate for the value of amateur radio for public service at special events, and in times of local, county or national emergencies. Along with Vince Jones, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Lou Milone KA2NTT, and Ed Clark W2KP (SK), he was instrumental in amateur radio becoming a valuable asset for emergency communications. In March of 2002, our club meeting place and amateur radio license test site moved to the Canale Center. By our partnership with the EOC we have reaped many benefits including a well-equipped radio room, storage facilities for club equipment, and a location for our club repeaters. The road to this partnership was paved in part by the support of our Amateur of the year.

From 2002 to 2015 he worked within the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Preparedness. He is currently the New Jersey Statewide Interoperability Coordinator in the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services. He has served as the Communications Unit Leader for the Miss America Pageant, the Atlantic City Airshow, and many other events. He had the responsibility of supporting communications efforts during the 2012 Derecho, Hurricane Sandy, Superbowl XLVIII (48) and the papal visit to New York and Philadelphia. First licensed in 2008, he is a licensed General Class amateur radio operator. He has also served as Deputy County OEM Coordinator, RACES Officer, and ARES Emergency Coordinator.

Our honoree resides in Egg Harbor Township, NJ with his wife Diane and their children Mackenzie, Joshua and Jordan.

It is with great pleasure that SCARA presents the 57<sup>th</sup> Amateur of the Year Award to,

**John C. Miller, Jr. KC2TNV**