**Assistant Section Traffic Manager (ASTM)**

**Requirements:** Familiarity with traffic handling on all modes; Technician class license or higher; Full ARRL Membership

**Responsibilities:**

* May serve as a general assistant to the [Section Traffic Manager](http://www.arrl.org/section-emergency-coordinator) or as a specialist. That is, the ASTM may assist the Section Traffic Manager with general leadership matters as the Section Traffic Manager’s alternate, or the ASTM may be assigned to handle a specific important function.  The ASTM will act as the STM in his/her absence or in emergency response operations to maintain continuity of leadership when 24 hour activity requires multiple shifts.
* Assist the STM to establish, administer, and promote a traffic handling program at the section level, based on, but not restricted to, [National Traffic System](http://www.arrl.org/nts-manual) networks.
* At the Section Manager's discretion, the ASTM may be designated as the recommended successor to the incumbent Section Traffic Manager in case the Section Traffic Manager resigns or is otherwise unable to finish the term of office.
* Should be familiar with the "[Official Appointment Description for the ARRL Section Traffic Manager](http://www.arrl.org/section-traffic-manager)," which contains the fundamental responsibilities of the STM.
* Encouraged complete both [ARRL Emergency Communications Courses](http://www.arrl.org/emergency-communications-training) (EC-001 and EC-016).

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