

## **Location - 3888 Sound Way, Bellingham** (near the airport):

**WUEOC** Whatcom Unified Emergency Operations Center

(“Unified” is a partnership with Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office Division of Emergency Management, the Port of Bellingham and the City of Bellingham’s Office of Emergency Management)

**WUECC** Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center

**WC7HQ** Whatcom County Head Quarters

**WCSO ACS** Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office Auxiliary Communication Service (Ham radio volunteers that staff the WUECC and a rapid response communications vehicle)

So.... WUEOC and WUECC are two names for the same place were WCSO ACS operates radio communications for the Sheriffs office using the call sign WC7HQ.

## **Location - 1041 W. Smith Rd., Bellingham**

(Corner of Smith Road and Northwest Road, north of the airport a.k.a. Search and Rescue Building):

**WCSAR** Whatcom County Search and Rescue Council is a private 501(c)3 organization. It is activated and directed by the Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office to assist in search and rescues. It has 6 units:

- **WECG - Mobile Communications** (Call sign W7ECG) see below
- **Specialized Ground Search Teams** e.g. equine, K-9
- **Technical Rescues** e.g. mountain
- **Underwater Rescues**
- **Snow Rescues** e.g. avalanches
- **4X4 Mobile Support** e.g. vehicle recovery, generators, chainsaws

Whatcom Emergency Communications Group (W7ECG) are ham radio volunteers who provide support communications for the Sheriff’s Search and Rescue through the use of two mobile radio vans at search command sites. WECG also has communications centers at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and the SAR building at the corner of Smith Rd. and NW Rd.)