



# Bear Valley Spring Emergency Radio Team

Bear Valley Springs, CA

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## Emergency Radio Program – Questions and Answers

- 1. Question:** *“Will these radios work in areas outside BVS?”*  
**Answer:** The purpose of the system is to alert and inform residents locally in the BVS area. This does not mean that you cannot or will not receive a signal in outlying areas, however, that will depend on your location and a few other factors.
- 2. Question:** *“Nixle alerts on a cell phone work everywhere, even across the country?”*  
**Answer:** Nixle alerts work using the cellular phone network. If the cell system or internet is DOWN in BVS, the alert will not be sent. The BVSERT Radio program is not meant to replace this system, only to back it up.
- 3. Question:** *“Is this Baofeng UV-5R a two-way radio like the ones sold on Amazon?”*  
**Answer:** Yes, pricing varies. Your \$25 donation supports the BVSERT and the BVS Emergency Radio Program. We disable the “Transmit” functionality so that the user does not accidentally transmit without a license.
- 4. Question:** *“Can I buy my own radio and program it myself.”*  
**Answer:** Yes, however, the BVSERT will only support the Baofeng UV-5R radio. We can assist you with programming your radio for a reasonable donation to the BVSERT.
- 5. Question:** *“How long will the radio work if removed from the charger?”*  
**Answer:** The radios should last approximately 48 hours when removed from the charger. Optional equipment may be purchased allowing for use of “AA” adapters or cigarette lighter power points.

The Q&A Page is in development. If you have a question that you would like answered, please send us your question at [BVSRadio@ac6ee.org](mailto:BVSRadio@ac6ee.org)