



Derry Community Television

Town of Derry

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What is PEG Access?

PEG stands for **P**ublic, **E**ducation and **G**overnment Access. The Derry Cooperative School District operates the Educational Access channel on channel 6 from Hood School. The Educational Access Coordinator reports to the Superintendent. Channel 17 is a combined Public and Government Access Channel and is a town department.

Why does Government Access Exist?

Government Access exists to provide the community with an opportunity to become informed by viewing first hand, unedited, coverage of its governing boards and committees.

Why does Public Access Exist?

Derry Community Television exists to give Town of Derry residents access to the community that normally is difficult, if not impossible, to come by. Through public access, residents will be able to share and communicate their concerns and pleasures with fellow residents of Derry. Public access allows a statement to be made on a nonpartisan basis, whether it is current events, town history, or demonstration of hobbies. The list is only limited by the imagination.

Who can use Public Access?

Derry residents are eligible to use the production equipment and facilities for producing public access programming on cable television for the Derry Cable Television system. Employees of Derry Town Departments, members of non-profit organizations or chapters or governmental groups, students and teachers of schools and institutions located within the Town of Derry are eligible to use the production equipment and facilities for producing access programming on cable television. Non-resident members must produce under the control of the department, or organization, or institution. The "right to access" belongs to the department organization or institution and not the individual producer.

Persons wishing to produce programs using the Derry Community Television equipment and facilities must:

- Read and understand all community television access policies and procedures.
- Be certified for equipment use through a Derry Community Television production workshop.
- Intend to use the community access equipment or facilities for the primary purpose of producing programs for the access channels.
- Submit a program proposal to the Station Administrator of Derry Community Television
- Staff his/her crew with trained volunteers



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Are there restrictions or guidelines I must follow when producing a show?

Yes. Programming aired on Public access may not contain any of the following...

- Obscene Matter
- Any Material which constitutes libel, slander, invasion of privacy or public rights, unfair competition, violation of trademark or copyright, which might violate any local, state or federal law.
- Any Advertising
- Any Lottery, or any Advertising or Information concerning any lottery
- Any Promotional material concerning products or services presented for any solicitation of money or other things of value.
- Political endorsements

Additional requirements are outlined in our policies and procedures.

How do I get Trained Volunteers?

Ask your friends, family, and co-workers if they would be interested in helping you make a TV show. If they are interested they can come down to the studio and participate in a Free Training Class. After they have been trained they will be able to come in and use our equipment. Cable 17 maintains a list of trained volunteers and can provide some assistance when looking for a crew.

How is Cable 17 Funded?

Since 1999, the Town of Derry has been receiving franchise fees from the cable company to support PEG Access. The cable company pays the town 2% of its Gross Revenues related to Cable TV service. These franchise fees are placed in the Cable Revenue Fund. Cable 17 also generates revenue from tape duplication of public access programs and the sale of political advertisements that run on the message board.

How does Cable17 receive its yearly Budget?

The Station Administrator submits a budget for Cable 17 to the Town Administrator for review and, like all other town departments, this budget is reviewed and approved by the Town Council. All costs related to the operation of Cable 17 including salaries, benefits and equipment purchases are funded through the Cable revenue fund. Cable 17 does not have any impact on the tax rate.

Where can I get more information?

More information may be obtained by visiting our website at www.derryctv.com or by making an appointment with a staff member to discuss your ideas and what is required.