



FLORIDA STATE-WIDE D-STAR HURRICANE NET

Florida ARES Groups and Emergency Coordinator's

The North Brevard Amateur Radio Club Inc ARES members is forming the Florida State-Wide D-Star Hurricane Net. This Net will be a State-Wide Public Service and Hurricane emergency Net.

We will be using the Brevard D-Star repeater KJ4OXT, located in Cocoa Brevard County Florida on the frequency of 147.030, Positive offset on port B for the nets.

The Repeater Trustee is Glenn Edmondson, N3EH. The repeater is dedicated for emergency Communication. Glenn has applied for a Grant and plans on putting D-Star Repeaters though-out Brevard County for emergency communications.

The purpose of the Florida State-Wide D-STAR Hurricane Net is to form a group of D-Star Repeaters State-Wide for Public Service, training and emergency communications in the event a Hurricane hits the State of Florida.

The stated purpose is to develop a coordinated effort to establish a meshed local network of D-Star repeaters with data capability throughout the Florida Region and to hold weekly nets on a REF004C for the FSWDA Group via Gateway (IP) and wireless linking (5-10 gig wireless backbone). Using REF004C on Port B does not tie up the local repeaters on Port C.

Our thanks to Evans Mitchell KD4EFM providing REF004C to the Association so we can use it for Hurricane Nets.

Public Service, Training and Emergency Communications are an integral part of the goals of the Hurricane Net.

The goals include monitoring of Severe Weather Alerts, giving hurricane up-dates, by holding nets to gather information that can be passed to our ARES Groups, help assist in the disaster, and to give support to our communities in the effected Area. After the disaster hits, help with damage assessment sending reports to the Emergency Management Agency's using data and the D-Rats Emergency Communication Tool.

The Hurricane Net will hold weekly nets on Ref004C for training and have discussions on how to improve our goals.

The nets will be hosted by local groups on a rotating basis which also spreads the training so that all are prepared and can back-up each other when the hurricane event occurs.

The nets will be open to all ARES Groups State-Wide using D-STAR and REF004C in the Florida Region.

We are seeking Suggestions on how the Hurricane Net can best help your group in a State-Wide Disaster.

- Would this net help you in a disaster?
- Would this net be beneficial to your ARES group?
- What can this net assists your communications needs in a Disaster?
- Would your group be interested in joining and participate in the nets?
- Would this be a valuable resource for your group for emergency communications?
- Would this make a good training net?
- Would this net be helpful when a evacuation is order?

We are polling the ARES Groups State-Wide to see if you would be interested in the forming and using the Hurricane Net for Public Service, Training and Hurricane Nets.

Your suggestions is Welcome in the forming of the Florida State-Wide D-STAR Association

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Please pass this along to other ARES Groups that might be interested in the Florida State-Wide D-Star Association that is now being formed.

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