

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE



EMERGENCY SERVICE PLAN

BROWARD COUNTY

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

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1. INTRODUCTION:

1.1 The Broward County Amateur Radio Service (ARES) is comprised of FCC – licensed amateur radio operators who have voluntarily registered their capabilities and personal equipment for the purpose of Emergency and Public Service communications. These individuals are registered with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) ARES and they may also be registered with other agencies as well.

1.2 Broward County ARES group is focused on providing service to Broward County, its surrounding Counties and to the State of Florida.

1.3 Under Federal regulations, Amateur Radio public services are furnished without compensation of any kind.

1.4 The Broward County ARES group functions under this Emergency Plan at the direction of the Emergency Coordinator (EC) who is appointed by the Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) who is appointed by the South Florida Section Manager (SM).

1.5 The EC may appoint assistant EC's as needed for the ARES group to function efficiently.

2. PURPOSE:

2.1 The purpose of this plan is to provide a written guide containing the minimum information that would be needed in an emergency. Each emergency is different and flexibility to provide an adequate response to each is necessary.

2.2 The primary responsibility of the Broward County ARES group is to furnish communications in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, when regular communications fail or are inadequate.

All drills, training and instruction shall be carried out to insure the ability to respond quickly to provide effective amateur emergency communications whenever an occasion may arise.

2.3 The following agencies could be served during a communications emergency: Broward County Emergency Operations Center, National Weather Service, American Red Cross, Hospitals, Sherriff, Police and Fire Departments, and any other agencies requesting assistance from the ARES group.

2.4 Broward County ARES may provide communications support at public events conducted by non-profit organizations in non-emergency situations.

3. AUTHORITY:

3.1 Under FCC Rules and Regulations, Part 97 subpart A, specific authority is given for emergency communications on frequencies designated by the FCC.

4. ACTIVATING THE PLAN:

4.1 Any member of the Broward County ARES group who for any reason suspects a communications emergency exists should monitor local repeaters for activity. Local repeaters that should be monitored include, 146.910 -600 PL. 110.9 and 146.790 -600 PL. 110.9.

4.2 If local telephone or cell-phone service is available, the EC and/or Assistant ECs should be notified immediately.

4.3 In an emergency situation where Amateur Radio might serve the community, the EC or Assistant ECs (AEC) may be alerted by any City, Red Cross, Hospital or similar served agency official.

4.4 The EC, AEC or designated ARES member, upon evaluation of the situation, will activate the mobilization plan.

5. ARES MOBILIZATION PLAN:

5.1 Local radio, TV stations and the National Weather Service in Miami will be contacted by the EC or his representative, as possible announcements alerting ARES members.

5.2 If telephone service is available, the telephone tree is activated.

5.3 Upon the awareness or notification that a communications emergency exist, members of the Broward County ARES will call into the Broward County Emergency Net on 146.910 -600 PL. 110.9 with 146.790 -600 PL. 110.9 as an alternate frequency. If both repeaters are down, then go to 146.910 simplex and relay information if necessary.

5.4 As assignments are received, mobile units will be activated and dispatched.

5.5 The EC/AEC will assume net control or delegate another station as net control station (NCS). Control will be from the Broward County Emergency Operations Center, fire department, police department, on site, or other station

designated by the EC. This station is designated as a “Key Station” and will be extensively utilized during a communications emergency. Key stations have full emergency power capability with relief operators to ensure continuous operations at all times.

6. DUTIES OF THE NCS:

6.1 The Broward County ARES Emergency Net will be called into session by the NCS.

6.2 Members of the Broward County ARES are checked into the net from their mobiles and/or home stations to wait for further instructions.

6.3 Liaison stations to the following National Traffic System nets will be assigned: Florida Mid Day Traffic 7.247 MHz. (day) and 3.940 MHz. (night).

6.4 Mobiles will be dispatched if requested to the City of Sunrise American Red Cross building, local hospitals and other agencies as requested.

6.5 Operators of home stations not on emergency power are coordinated to effectively operate the “Key Stations” as required.

7. OPERATIONS:

7.1 All written messages must be in standard ARRL form.

7.2 All messages must be signed by the originating official, along with his title, verifying responsibility for their contents.

7.3 Message precedence of EMERGENCY, Priority, Routine, and Health and Welfare, as defined on ARRL Form FSD-3 shall be used on all messages.

7.4 Stations do not transmit unless invited to do so by net control.

The only exception to this is for a station having EMERGENCY traffic.

8. DRILLS, TEST AND ALERTS:

8.1 All members are urged to check into the Broward County Emergency Preparedness Net (BCEPN) which is held on every Monday night starting at 7:00 PM.

INFORMATION NETS

Check-in to one of the following repeaters:

Zone 1 is 146.985 MHz. PL tone of 88.5 Hz Hollywood Amateur Radio Club repeater

Zone 2 is 146.910 MHz. PL tone of 110.9 Hz Broward Amateur Radio Club repeater

Zone 3 is 146.790 MHz. PL tone of 110.9 Hz Motorola Amateur Radio Club repeater

Zone 4 is 146.610 MHz. Gold Coast Amateur Radio Club repeater

Or if you have 2M SSB: 144.210 USB

At 7:15 please move to 146.910 MHz. PL tone of 110.9 Hz

8.2 An annual test will be conducted in conjunction with the nationwide ARRL Simulated Emergency Test.

8.3 The Broward County ARES group will regularly supply public safety communications in conjunction with local events when asked to provide communications by non-profit organizations in non-emergency situations.

8.4 The Broward County ARES group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at Sunview Park, 1500 SW 42nd Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. Talk-in will be on the 146.910 -600 PL. 110.9 and/or the 146.790 -600 PL. 110.9 Repeater. See map.



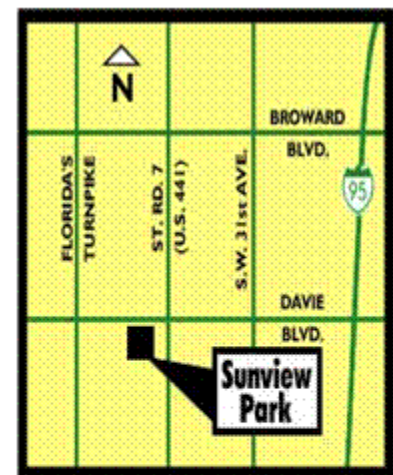
ARES®/RACES Monthly Meetings

3rd Tuesday of the month
at 7:30 P.M.



Sunview Park

1500 SW 42 Avenue
Fort Lauderdale
Florida, 33313



Directions to Sunview Park

From I-95, exit at Davie Boulevard and go west past U.S. 441 (State Road 7) to S.W. 42nd Avenue. Turn left and go south on S.W. 42nd Avenue. The park will be on your right (west).

8.5 At the discretion of the EC, ARES will be activated unannounced via the telephone tree at least once a year.

8.6 Obtain all required National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) and EMCOMM courses that are required by the Amateur Radio Relay League to maintain membership in ARES.

9. BROWARD COUNTY ARES CONTACT INFORMATION:

Karen Briggs	K8KB	Section Emergency Coordinator	1-772-349-6441
Jeff Beals	WA4AW	District Emergency Coordinator	1-561-791-0956
Dave Wagner	WA2DXQ	Emergency Coordinator	954 275-5619
Robin Terrill	N4HHP	Assistant EC	954 249-5343
Jeff Depew	KI4FFG	Assistant EC	954 562-5391
Al Flapan	KN4FA	Assistant EC	954 643-4144
Marty Falk	KI4IQZ	ARRL PIO	954 632-1667
Tony Annese	KG4EXA	Red Cross Comm. Officer	954 873-2614

9. BROWARD COUNTY RACES CONTACT INFORMATION:

Robin Terrill	N4HHP	RACES Officer	954 249-5343
Al Flapan	KN4FA	Assistant RACES Officer	954 643-4144
Bob Fivey	N4ORN	Assistant RACES Officer	954 232-9980
Bill Rafus	KD4FRB	Assistant RACES Officer	954 557-8541
Jeff Depew	KI4FFG	Assistant RACES Officer	954 562-5391
Dave Wagner	WA2DXQ	Assistant RACES Officer	954 349-9419
Mike Brand	N4RQY	Assistant RACES Officer	954 275-7355
Carol Sjursen	<u>KJ4AWB</u>	Assistant RACES Officer	954 803-6338
Tony Annese	KG4EXA	Red Cross Comm. Officer	954 873-2614

10. EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

**Broward County Emergency Operating Center
Broward County American Red Cross**

**954 831-3900
954 797-3800**

11. PLAN DISTRIBUTION:

**South Florida Section Manager
South Florida Section Emergency Coordinator
South Florida District Emergency Coordinator
Broward County Emergency Coordinator
Broward County RACES Officer
Served Agencies
All Broward County ARES Members**