



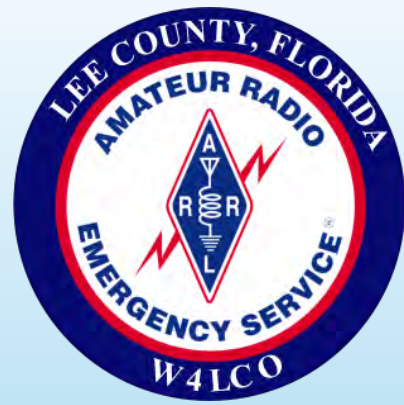
# **Lee County ARES**

## **August 2025**

**Welcome**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Invocation**  
**New Members**  
**Guests**



# Pledge of Allegiance



# Please Silence Your Devices





Emergency Coordinator  
**Rich Schnieders KR4PI**



Operations Chief  
**AEC Dave Sheppard W2PAX**



# Lee County ARES Net

- 3Q2025 Net control stations – THANK YOU!
- 4Q2025 Net control invitations will go out around Labor Day – please remember to reply so we know whether to find another station



Planning Section Chief & PIO

**AEC Jeff Kennedy NK4AA**

Deputy Planning Section Chief & PIO

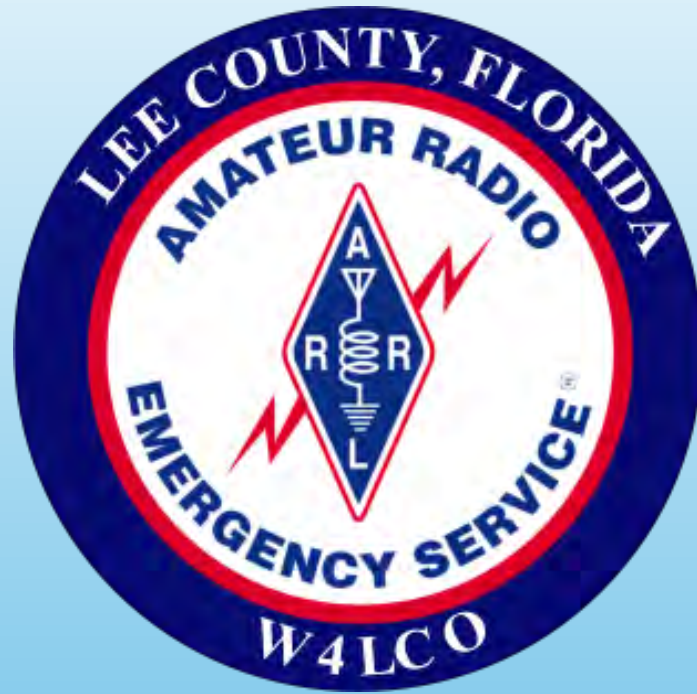
**DAEC Carmine Vetrano K1CJV**





# Orientation

- We will be re-running the Lee ARES Orientation
- It will be conducted on 2 Saturdays
- Dates and Times will be disseminated when established
- All ARES members are encouraged to attend



# **ARES® ORIENTATION OVERVIEW**



# Session 1 Content

- What are ARES Member Responsibilities - Skills & Capabilities
- ARES is a commitment, not a hobby
- General Operating Guidelines
- Appearance
- Things to avoid
- Personal Safety













# Session 1 Content

- Leeares.com Website Navigation
- Task books
- Education
  - How to complete ICS course requirements IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800, Skywarn
- [Winlink](#)
  - Download and install on individual laptops (Windows environment only)
- Smartphone apps
- Download and install key Apps on individual phones (Signal, Lee Prepares, AlertLee, Everbridge)



# Session 1 Content

Install ARES Stick files on individual laptops

- ✓  ARES Manuals, Operating Guides & SKYWARN Info
- ✓  ARES, FEMA and SKYWARN Training Links
- ✓  Deployment and Safety Information
- ✓  Frequency and Repeater Info
- ✓  ICS FORMS PDFs and SitReps
- ✓  Lee County All Hazards Guide
- ✓  Message Handling Tools and Information
- ✓  NCS and EMERGENCY NET OPERATIONS AND PROTOCOL
- ✓  Orange Box Information
- ✓  Winlink



# Session 2 Content

- Discuss Weekly Lee County ARES Net (LCAN)
- Zone Net Tools and Operations
- Basic Radio Programming
- Show and discuss key ICS forms ICS-213, ICS 213-rr, ICS-214, ICS-309 and others



# Session 2 Content

- Deployment
  - Personal Safety
  - Types of Deployment Status
  - Self-Deployment of ARES members is not allowed. Wait for Lee County Emergency Management deployment instructions via LEE County ARES Leadership.
  - Before you leave your home
  - Personal Items needed
  - Radio Item needs



# Green Zone Net Exercise Results

- Saturday, August 2
- 1 station not familiar with Sitrep
- 2 stations left net early

## Takeaways:

- Prepare in advance, follow directions in email notice
- Never leave the net without notifying net control
- Next month: BLUE Sat., Sept 6

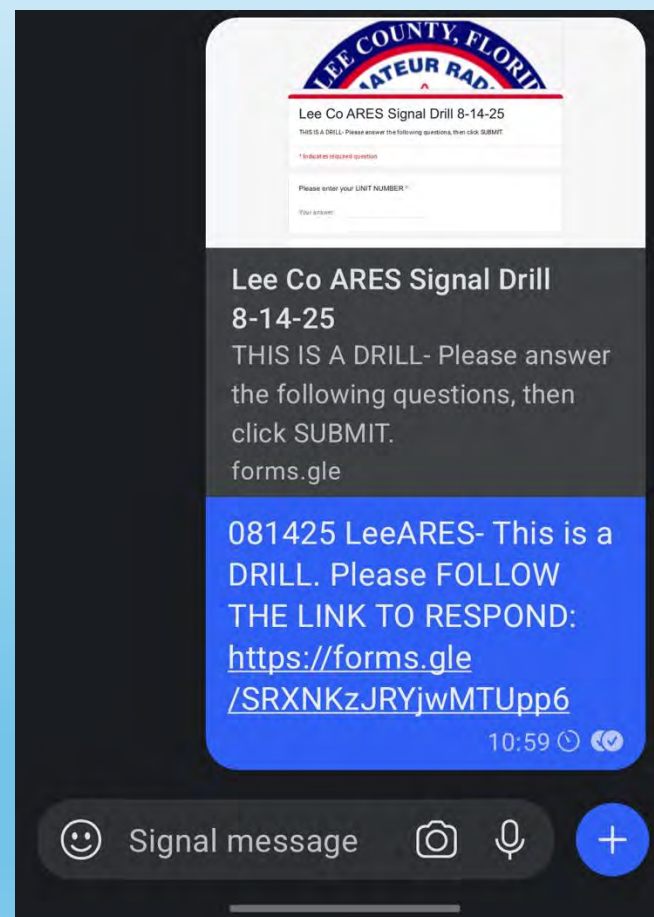
Zone	Check-ins
Red	8
Green	6
Blue	0
Yellow	0
TOTAL	21






# Preparedness: Signal Drills

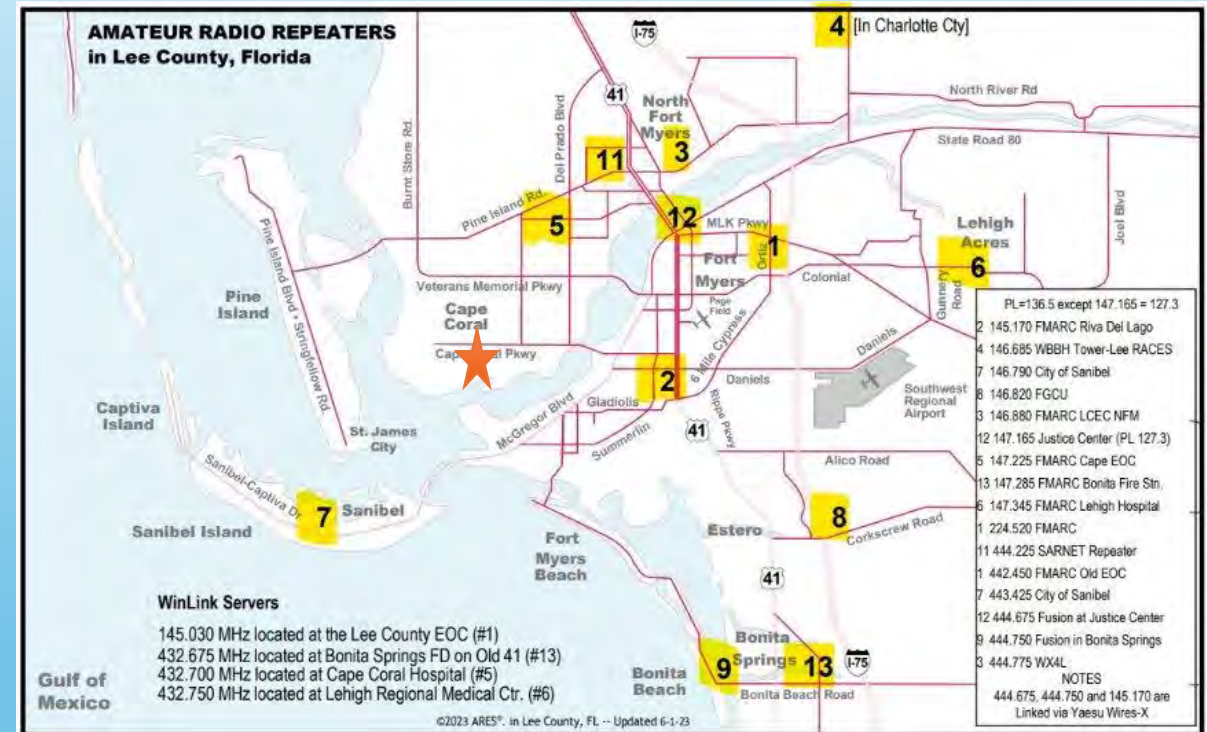
- 63 members enrolled in LeeARES group
- Weekly drills continue
- Last week's results
  - 47 responses
  - 34 responded in < 1 hr
- Plan to vary drill times



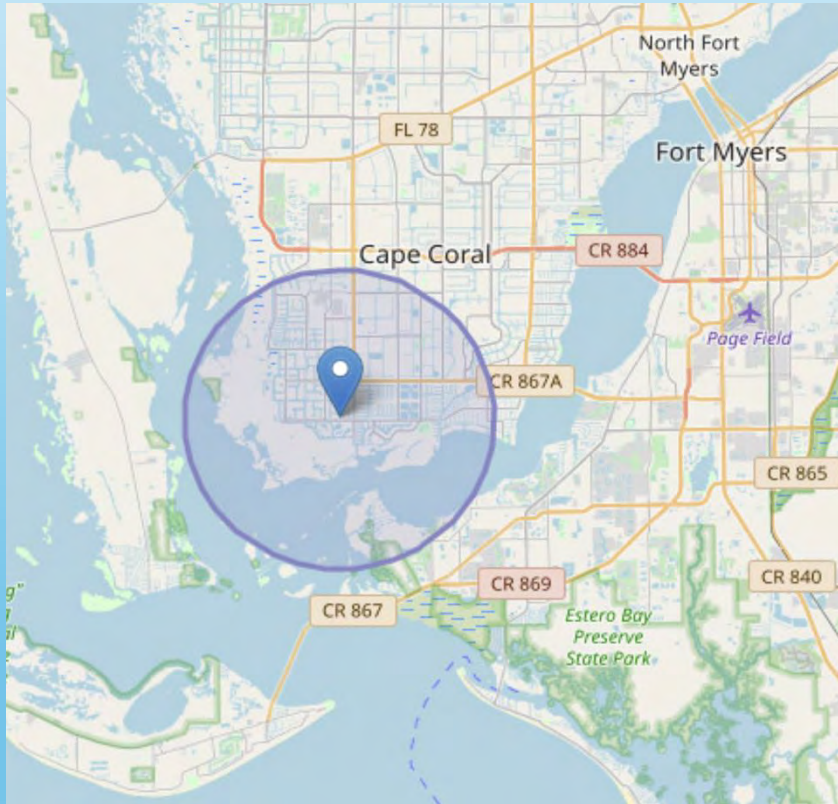


# Outreach: Pathfinders Presentation

- Joint effort of LeeARES & FMARC
- Location: Seventh Day Adventist Church, Cape Coral (SDACCC)
- ARES presentation: Amateur Radio & Disaster Communications
- Audience: Pathfinders, parents and church leaders
- SDACCC mission includes disaster relief
- Possible repeater site 



# SDACCC Antenna Site







# Planning Section:

## Questions?



Logistics Section Chief  
**AEC John Wells, W4CMH**  
Deputy Logistics Section Chief  
**DAEC Bill Sowell, W6WHS**



# Logistics

- All equipment is functioning
- Equipment assigned and stored at the Lee County Public Safety Center:
  - Equipment being moved to Storage Bay (B17/B18) - Purchase of larger PVC pipe to accommodate masts and other tall items is being considered
  - Go-Boxes and Hamaid Kit will be moved to the Technology Room from the Tower Room when ready.
  - Inventory will be ongoing of all LeeARES equipment
- Repeater 146.685 still awaiting action, but the process has begun
- Awaiting action on the antenna cable situation at Hertz Arena
- Updating cable connections to antennas that may have changed in the PSC Amateur Radio Room

# Training



- Winlink drills continue – We learned through the most recent drill that AT&T has stopped the ability for us to send text messages using Winlink Express in June 2025.
- Practice for activations on your own by setting up and using your equipment at a remote location.
- Continue working on Task Book items.
- We are in the beginning stages of planning for a SET in October (More information to follow).

# **Congratulations on your Task Book Sign-off Progress! Thank You!**

# Logistics

- **Big Audacious Goal ("BAG") for CY2025: >85% LC ARES Members to be "Level 2 Qualified" by 31 Dec 2025**
  - **Continue with the prescribed ARES Training curriculum:**
    - American Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid for Professional Rescuers (8-10 hours)\*
    - ARRL EC-001 Intro. Emergency Comms
    - FEMA EMI IS-100 Intro to ICS System
    - FEMA EMI IS-700 Intro. to NIMS
    - FEMA EMI IS-200 ICS for Single Resources
    - FEMA EMI IS-800 Intro. to National Response Framework
    - FEMA EMI IS-120 Introduction to Exercises
    - SkyWarn Basic Spotter Course (Req'd. every 3 years)
    - Participate in ARES Nets / Drills
    - Participate in Simulated Emerg. Drill (SET)
    - Be prepared for Activation & Deployment
- \*Recommended, not required

*HAM Radio at its finest...*



*For Task Book Skills/Course Sign-offs see : Rich, John, or Carmine*  
*For Mentoring /Guidance see: Bill Sowell- W6WHS*



# Need CPR, AED, First Aid Training?

# Logistics

- **American Red Cross CPR, AED, First Aid, Opioid Overdose (Narcan Administration) & Epinephrine Autoinjector Administration (EpiPen) for Professional Rescuers course**
- **10.5 Hour Course (\$135/per person with FMARC & ARES Family Discount)**
- Attendees Restricted to: FMARC/ARES Members and/or immediate family only
- Sat 20 Sep 25: 5.0 Hours 0900-1400
- Sat 27 Sep 25: 5.5 Hours 0900-1430
- Lee County Public Safety Center (EOC)
- Maximum Class Size: 16
- Obtain Form, Register & Prepay for course today:
  - Course Faculty:
  - Dr. Bill Sowell, MD, FACEP, EMRI- W6WHS
  - Natalya Schenck, EMR
- Course offered by:

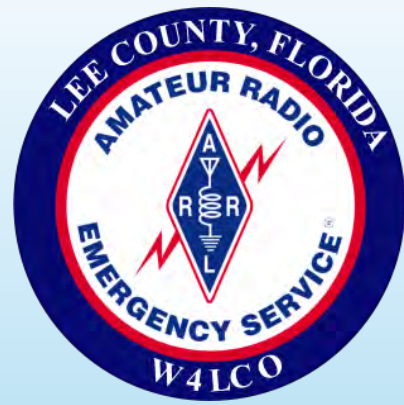


# Logistics



## Questions / Discussion?





Administration Section Chief

**AEC Joe Rickard NØJAR**

Deputy Administration Section Chief

**DAEC Don Domina KCØDE**



Thank You!



# Questions