

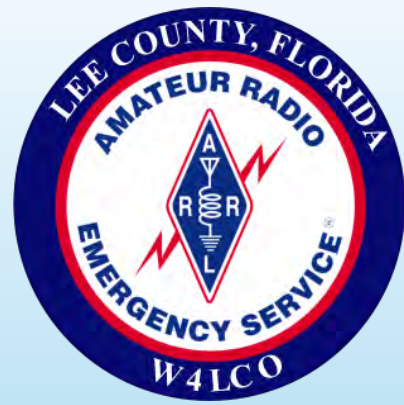
# Lee County ARES

## July 2025

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



# Pledge of Allegiance



# Please Silence Your Devices





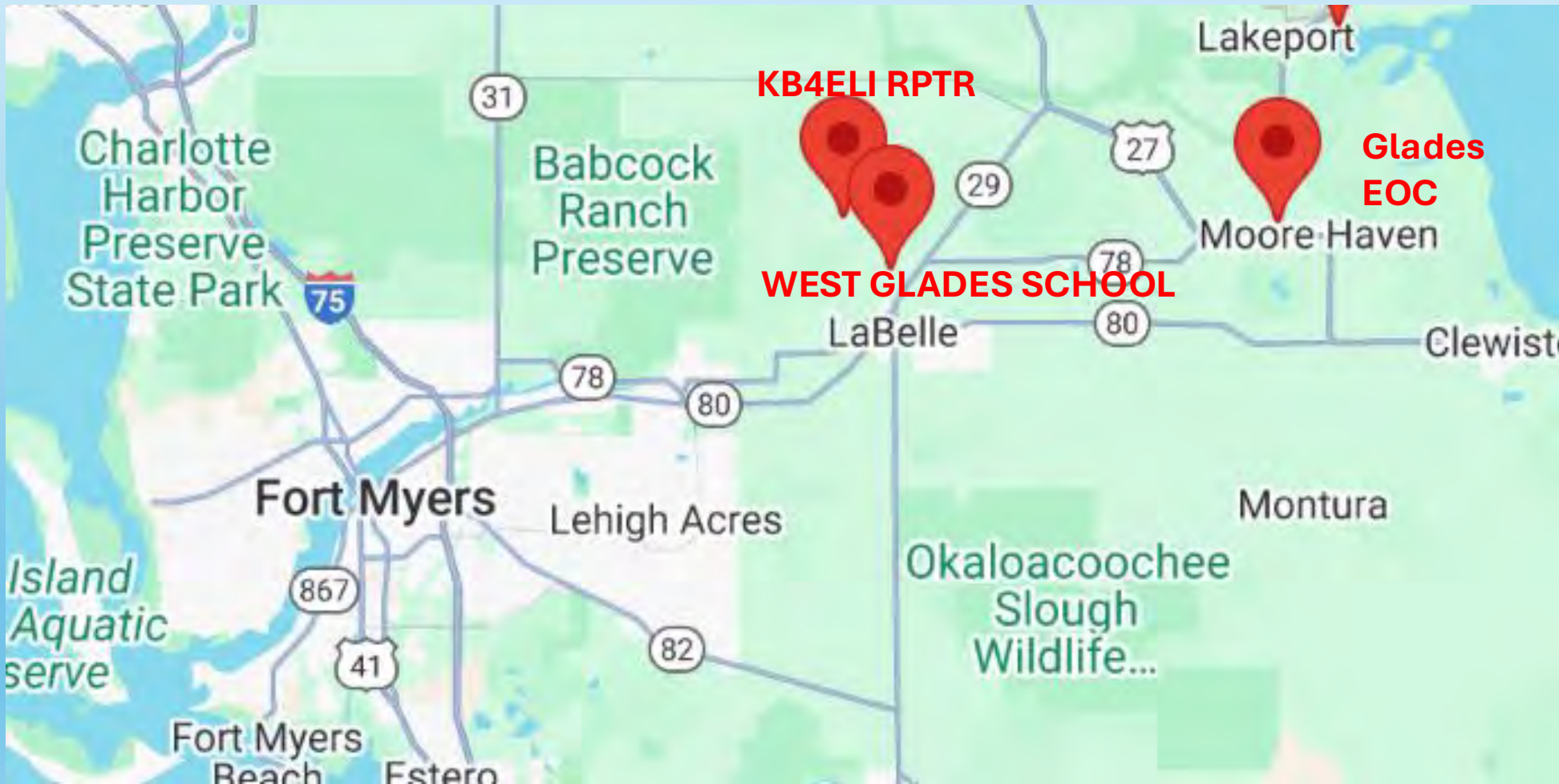
Emergency Coordinator  
**Rich Schnieders KR4PI**



**The Lee County ARES  
Leadership  
is working with  
Glades County EM  
to aid Glades County in  
developing Glades ARES**



# Glades County ARES Locations





# Operations Chief

## **AEC Dave Sheppard W2PAX**





Planning Section Chief & PIO

**AEC Jeff Kennedy NK4AA**

Deputy Planning Section Chief & PIO

**DAEC Carmine Vetrano K1CJV**



# Blue Zone Net Exercise Results

Saturday, June 5

- 1 station did not provide a sitrep
- 7 stations 'requested to secure'

Takeaways:

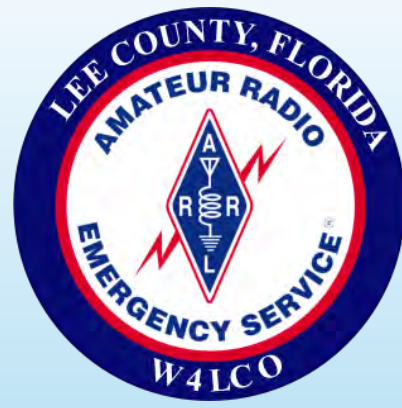
- More "Report from home" stations should volunteer to be NCS

Zone	Check-ins
Red	10
Blue	3
Green	3
Non-Member	0
Yellow	0
TOTAL	16



# August Color Zone Net Exercise

- Date: Saturday, August 2
- Time: Immediately following SWFTN
- **Green** Zone
  - 146.82 mHz primary – repeater, channel 3
  - 146.58 mHz backup- simplex, channel 4
- Watch for email announcement
- Challenges: Finding new volunteers to fill the NCS role



# Signal Drills

- Currently 60 members in LeeARES group- if you message the group, everyone will receive it.
- Notification issues
  - Due to individual phone settings (sleeping apps, battery optimization)
  - NOT related to message generation
- **Read messages carefully and respond as directed**
- Respond whenever you can. No extra points for being early!
- Upcoming drills will simulate activation questions.



# 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 will be moved to new locations when the equipment shelves are assigned
- Repeater 146.685 still awaiting action
- Request to verify communications with Radio Room



# Training



- Winlink drills continue
- ARRL Field Day - It was a great opportunity that some used to practice deploying equipment, radio operations, etc.
- Practice for activations on your own
- Continue working on Task Book items

# Logistics



**Big Audacious Goal ("BAG") for CY2025: >85% LC ARES Members to be "Level 2 Qualified" by 31 Dec 2025**

- **ARES "Newbie Navigator"- Bill Sowell, W6WHS**

- **How many brought their ARES Task Books to the meeting tonight? Show of Hands**
- **How many of you are actively getting tasks/classes signed off? Show of Hands**
- ARES skill competency through private coaching or group training
- Help with formal message traffic handling and Color Zone net control skills
- What to expect before, during and after ARES activation and deployment?
  - Radio Equip, Uniform, ID, Professional conduct & procedures, food, clothing, sleeping bag, etc.
  - What forms to bring & complete, how to turn them in for processing & credit hours
- How to navigate the FEMA Emergency Mgt. Institute ICS Courses required
  - ICS 100, 200, 700, 800, 300/400, others
- How to navigate the ARRL Courses required

- **Please contact Bill Sowell after the meeting, via email: [DAEC-Logistics@leeares.com](mailto:DAEC-Logistics@leeares.com)**  
**or telephone +1.405.566.8970.**

**1 MISSION =  
1 STANDARD**

# Logistics



## Our Lee County ARES Mission:

1. "Professionally-trained volunteer FCC-licensed radio operators, organized to assist in public service and emergency communications".
2. Save life and mitigate injury during natural/man-made disasters
3. Protect property during periods of natural or man-made disasters
4. Serve specialized client assignments during communications emergencies. [E.g.- Deploy to County Emergency Shelters, or operate from home as a Regional Color Zone Net Control Station.]

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Lee County ARES Members are "First Responders"  
per US Homeland Security Act of 2002, Sect 2; 6 US Code  
Paragraph 101- "Emergency Management personnel"

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# Logistics



## Our Lee County ARES Mission:

1. We will *train and drill* as we will serve- with *accuracy & professionalism*
  - Take time to *read/reply* to all parts of a ***Signal drill, notification, or deployment activation!***
  - Take time to *read/reply* to all parts of an **ARES email**
  - Ensure that you *reply exactly in the mode and manner requested* from Lee County ARES Leadership
  - *We should ALL sound the same on "Broadcastify", as Lee Control, LCSO, Fire, & EMS...*  
***During a deployment, the world is listening! Make us proud!***

***There is *no difference in perception of performance expectations* between our ARES Members, and full-time paid members of Lee County Emergency Management. We are considered to be both 1st / 2nd responders!***



# Questions / Discussion?





Administration Section Chief

**AEC Joe Rickard NØJAR**

Deputy Administration Section Chief

**DAEC Don Domina KCØDE**

# Database

- •Work continues.....
- •Thanks to all that registered. As of this morning we had 69 registrants who have successfully registered and received their passwords.
- •Remember it is your responsibility to keep your information updated.
- •Admin working now to add verification of course information to your personal file. There is no need to resubmit any paperwork.





Thank You!



# Questions