

# **Lee County ARES**

## **March 2025**

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

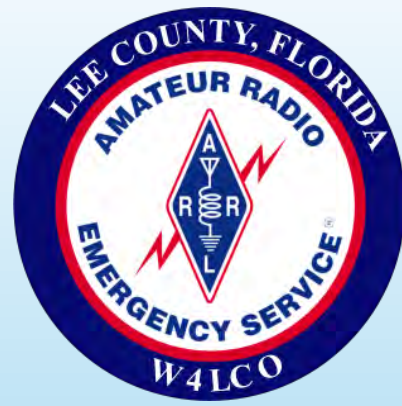


# Please Silence Your Devices





Emergency Coordinator  
**Rich Schnieders KR4PI**



# Message Drill

We need three (3) Volunteers

One to serve as a Shelter Comm Op

One to serve as an Area Net Control

One to serve as an EOC Com Op











# Operations Chief

## **AEC Dave Sheppard W2PAX**



Planning Section Chief & PIO

**AEC Jeff Kennedy NK4AA**

Deputy Planning Section Chief & PIO

**DAEC Carmine Vetrano K1CJV**



# Hotwash: Feb Emergency Net Exercise

## LEE COUNTY FLORIDA ARES® COLOR ZONE NET CONTROL STATION LOG

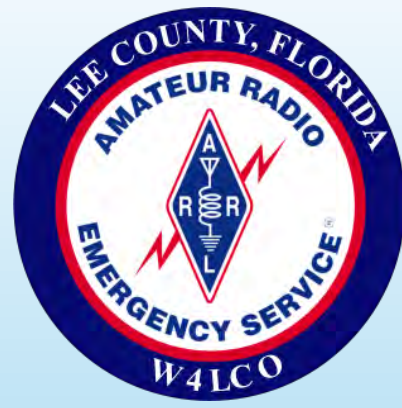
INCIDENT NAME	DATE	PAGE NUMBER
Monthly Emergency Net Exercise	3-1-25	1 OF 1
ARES® NET NAME	NET FREQUENCY OR REPEATER	NET CONTROL STATION CALL SIGN/UNIT #
Blue Zone Net	146.88	K4DHP unit 12

CALL SIGN	NAME	CHECK IN TIME	CHECK OUT TIME	NOTES AND/OR TASK PENDING	TASK COMPLETED
K4DHP	David	1049	1102	Unit 12 sitrep: 4,5c,6,11- 2 hrs	Y
K2AWS	Al	1049	1102	Unit 34 sitrep: 4c, 11 - 2 hrs	Y
WE4THR	David	1050	1102	Unit 82 sitrep: 2 2ft, 4c, 5b,11- 2 hrs	Y
KA2LAC	Lloyd	1050	1102	Unit 12 sitrep: 6	Y
K4RAB	Rick	1050	1102	Unit 99 sitrep: everything is fine	Y
KD2WMZ	Cathy	1050	1102	Unit 72 sitrep: 5c, 11 - 2 hrs	Y
AA4JS	Jon	1051	1102	Unit 40 sitrep: no report	Y
KN4NBV	Toni	1051	1102	Unit 80 sitrep: 2 4ft, 4c, 5e, 6,8,9	Y
W4CMH	John	1052	1102	Unit 44 sitrep: 5c,11- 1 hr	Y
NK4AA	Jeff	1052	1102	Unit 107 sitrep: 4,5c,11- 1 hr	Y



# Hotwash: Feb Emergency Net Exercise

- Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025
- Blue Zone Repeater
- 10 Participants – Thank you!
- Kudos: K4DHP & K2AWS for filling NCS & ANCS roles
- Results
  - Some operators could not access the repeater
  - All participants followed the script and check-in procedures
  - NCS: remember to log your ANCS as a check-in
  - Sitreps should include fictitious data; pretend this is a real disaster



# April Emergency Net Exercise

- Saturday April 5th 2025 after SWFTN
- **Green** Zone Repeater, backup is **Green** Zone Simplex
- NCS: preferably from Green Zone, but can reside anywhere
- All ARES members can participate or volunteer
- All ARES members should practice completing a net log
- ARES leaders will moderate & check in but not serve as NCS
- Watch your email for a reminder



# Planning Section:

## Questions?



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



# Logistics

- Awaiting repeater repairs
- All other equipment functioning at this time

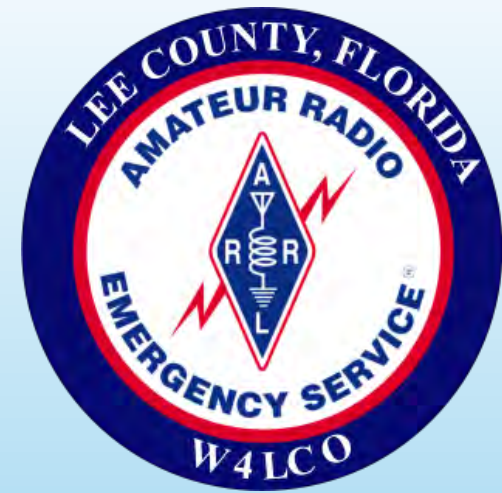




# Training



- Winlink Drills continue to offer opportunities to practice the software and options available
- SERT TRAC - Reminder to download any certificates that you may not have in your archives
- SERT TRAC - Currently the download of a transcript is not functioning
- Run The Lakes Event rescheduled to May 4, 2025 starting at 8:45 AM

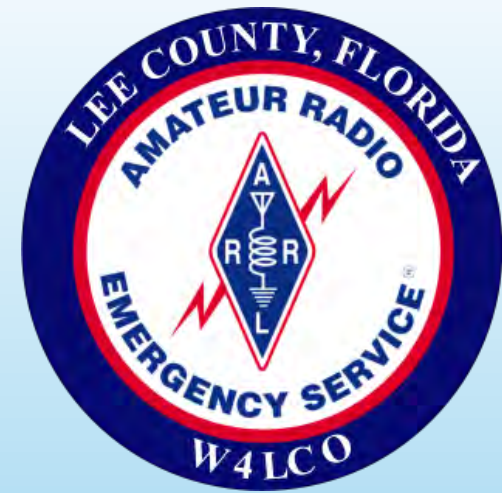


# Welcome to "ARES Mentor Mettle"

**AKA How to Become a Competent ARES Deployable / (Deplorable) ARES Member**

Bill Sowell, W6WHS- Deputy Asst. Emergency Coordinator- Logistics Chief





# Ask yourself the following questions:

- **If there was an ARES activation right now are you able to be of service?**
  - Do you have ARES Level 1 (or above) skills signed off in your Task Book?
  - Have you drilled or exercised your skills lately? Have you passed message traffic?
  - Have you attended a Lee County ARES Monthly Meeting recently? (Latest Info)
  - Can you set-up & operate your radio equipment remotely by yourself?
  - How long would it take you to deploy to a shelter once activated?
  - If you are not deployable to a shelter, do you have the skills to operate as a competent ARES Color Zone Net Control Station (continuously 4-6 hours)?
  - Do you have the current Color Zone Net Control Script?
  - Do you know how to follow the script & complete the required paperwork?





Or-

- Are you only interested in having a Lee County Emergency Management ARES Member ID Card?



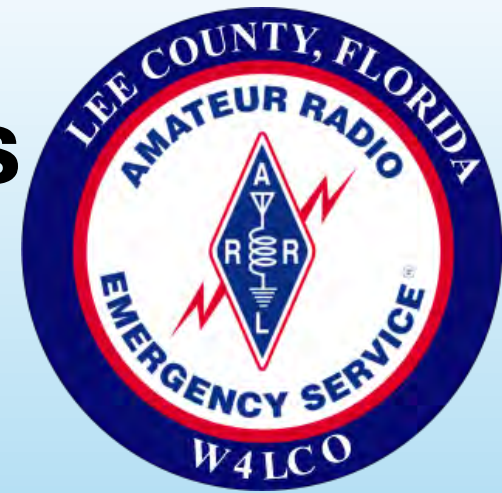


# Lee County ARES Leadership

- Has worked / is working very hard to create training opportunities and drills that prepare all interested ARES members to operational competency.
- However, recent ARES member participation levels remain lower than hoped.
- So, how do we improve member participation in an all-volunteer organizational structure?



# Lee County ARES Training Opportunities



- **You get out of it, what you are willing to put into it....**
  - ARES Monthly & Special Meeting Attendance & Active Participation
  - ARES Scheduled & Non-Scheduled Drill Participation
  - ARES Training Session Attendance & Active Participation
  - ARES Weekly Net Participation
  - ARES Weekly WinLink Drill Participation
  - Natural or Man-Made Disaster ARES Activation Service Availability
    - Serve as an ARES Emergency Shelter Communicator
    - Serve (at home) as an ARES Color Zone Net Control Operator
  - Additional Training Participation: SkyWarn, CPR/First Aid certification, FEMA EMI





# Lee Co. ARES “Mentor Mettle” Program



- **Provides individual and group coaching / help sessions upon demand for:**

- Memorization of the International Phonetic Alphabet
- How do I send a Radiogram, or formal message traffic
- How do I properly program my radio(s) to the Lee County Freq List
- How do I set-up and operate my own equipment at a remote location
- What can I expect when I deploy to a Lee County Emergency Shelter
- How do I prepare my Equipment Go Box and Go Bag
- How can I operate at home as a Color Zone Net Control Station
- How do I get my ARES Individual Task Book skills signed off
- How do enroll and take ARRL and FEMA EMI required courses
- How do I deal with the suffering I will/I have witnessed at a shelter
- What do I need to know to be a productive ARES member



# To Receive Personalized Coaching:



Kindly Contact:

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Deputy Assistant Emergency Coordinator- Logistics Chief

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# Questions / Discussion?





Administration Section Chief

**AEC Joe Rickard NØJAR**

Deputy Administration Section Chief

**DAEC Don Domina KCØDE**



# Welcome Aboard!

Gus Hawkins Unit #47

David Broughton Unit #76



# New Badges

Paul Schwan

Ryan Dolce

John Bailey

Vito Gadeleta

Sean Florio

David Hritcu

Gus Hawkins

David Broughton



# Questions