



Lee County ARES

May 2025

Welcome
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
New Members
Guests



Please Silence Your Devices



Jon Scharbrough, AA4JS SK

Photo Album

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Emergency Coordinator
Rich Schnieders KR4PI

EOC Ribbon Cutting



The Lee Board of County Commissioners

invites you to attend a

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

for the

Lee County Public Safety Center

Thursday, May 29, 2025 | 10 a.m.
2675 Ortiz Ave, Fort Myers FL 33905
Front of Building



Additional Information

This historic project delivers a modern, expanded Public Safety Center designed to meet the needs of Lee County's growing population.

The new facility brings together critical services under one roof, including:

- Emergency Communications
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Department of Transportation's Traffic Operations Center (TOC)
- Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO)

The center will serve as a year-round hub for operations, strengthening our ability to protect and serve the community every day.



Ceremony Location

2675 Ortiz Ave.,
Fort Myers, FL 33905

The Public Safety Center is located off of Ortiz Avenue which, can be accessed from Colonial Boulevard and State Road-82.



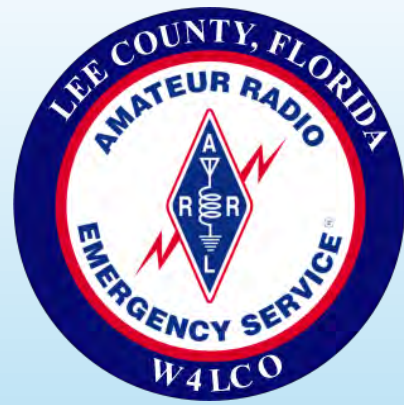
Ribbon Cutting Streaming Information:

If you are unable to attend, the ceremony will be live streamed on Lee County's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/@LeeCountyFLBOCC](https://www.youtube.com/@LeeCountyFLBOCC) and a video of the ceremony will be posted on the project website, leegov.com/publicsafety/projects.

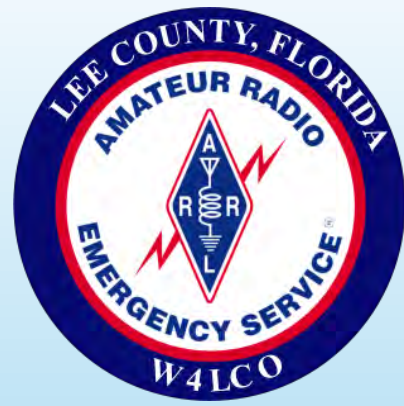


For more project information, visit leegov.com/publicsafety/projects.

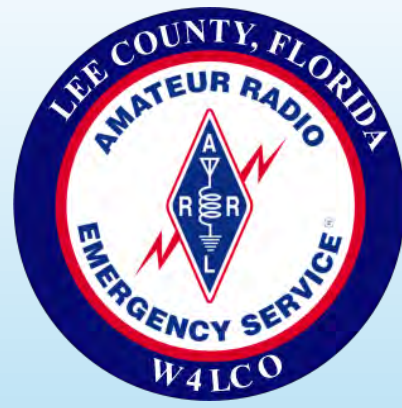
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**On June 2, 2025, ARES Leadership
will participate in the
2025 Lee County Emergency
Operations Center (EOC) Briefing**



Community Outreach Team



LeeARES Community Events

- Hurricane Preparedness Expos
 - May 31: Cape Coral Hurricane Expo (0900-1300) at Mercola Market of Cape Coral
 - June 7: City of Fort Myers Hurricane Expo (1100-1500) at the Collaboratory, 2031 Jackson Street in Fort Myers

We will participate with our partner, FMARC



Operations Chief

AEC Dave Sheppard W2PAX



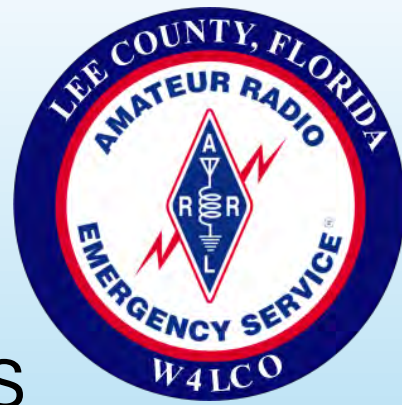
Planning Section Chief & PIO

AEC Jeff Kennedy NK4AA

Deputy Planning Section Chief & PIO

DAEC Carmine Vetrano K1CJV

Activation Process- Notification & Response



1. Lee Co EM orders activation > activation alert sent to ARES members by Signal app, Radio (monitor 146.820), Phone/text, Everbridge (pending)
2. EC/AEC-OPS activates EOC net on EOC repeater. See current ICS-205
3. Members respond to activation alert by checking in to their area zone net (if active) or the EOC net and report approximate time they can deploy
4. Once checked in, remain with the net and follow instructions of net control.



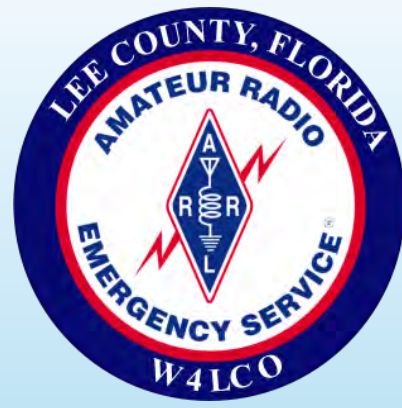
Red Color Zone Net Exercise Results

- Saturday, May 3
- Less participation than April

Takeaways:

- Only 2 non-standard format sitreps
- One left net early
- Volunteers for NCS/ANCS were both from Red Zone

Zone	Check-ins
Red	7
Blue	5
Green	5
Non-Member	1
Yellow	0
TOTAL	18



June Color Zone Net Exercise

- Date: Saturday, June 7
- Time: Immediately following SWFTN
- **YELLOW** zone
 - 147.345 MHz primary, repeater, channel 5
 - 146.46 MHz backup, simplex, channel 6
- Watch for email announcement
- Challenges: poor repeater coverage, low population of members in this zone

Skywarn Net changes

- Effective June 1st
 - Weekly net time changes to 1930 hrs from 2100 hrs
 - NI4CE repeater: 443.600 MHz
 - channel 49





Planning Section:

Questions?



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



Logistics

- All equipment is functioning
- Equipment at the EOC will be moved to new locations when the equipment shelves are assigned
- Repeater equipment for the 146.820 repeater has arrived and is awaiting install

Training



- Winlink drills continue
- Run the Lakes event
- Hotwash/After Action Briefing



Run the Lakes Event

- ICS-201 – Incident Briefing
- ICS-205 – Incident Radio Communications Plan
- ICS-214 – Activity Log
- Event Net Control Activity Log
- Hotwash/After Action Briefing

Logistics



- **ARES Member Coaching available- Bill Sowell, W6WHS**
 - Help and encouragement in getting ARES Task Book skills signed off
 - ARES skill competency through private coaching or group training
 - Memorizing the US military phonetic alphabet
 - 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
- **Big Audacious Goal ("BAG") for CY2025: >85% LC ARES Members to be "Level 2 Qualified" by 31 Dec 2025**
- **Please contact Bill Sowell after the meeting**

Logistics

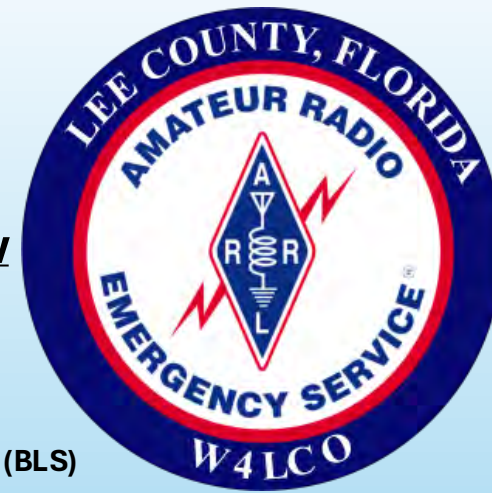
- **COURSE PRE-REGISTRATION AND INTEREST- Sign the sheet being circulated now**

- **American Red Cross CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers r.24- 8 Hours, \$100 per person***

- Dates to be finalized based upon ASAP return/availability of the Lee County EOC as training venue- July 2025 likely
- Two consecutive Saturdays, 0900-1300 ET (4 hours each Saturday) at the Lee County EOC
- Certification valid two years- Identical certification required by Lee County Police, Fire, EMS & Lifeguards for **Basic Life Support (BLS)**
- **Class size limited to 12 persons maximum and minimum of six. Course fees need to be paid at the first class session**
- Using brand-new lifelike CPR manikins and AED Trainers
- **Course topics include:**
 - Bag Valve Mask (BVM) resuscitator
 - Single Rescuer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) /Automated External Defibrillator (AED)- Adult, Child, Infant
 - Two-Rescuer CPR/AED- Adult, Child, Infant
 - Obstructed Airway- Adult, Child, Infant
 - Multiple Rescuer Teams with Multiple Rescue Scenarios
 - **Add on topics / certification: 1. Anaphylaxis & Epinephrine Autoinjector Administration; 2. Opioid Overdose & Naloxone / Narcan Administration**
 - No Written Exam / Only Practical & Oral Examinations

- **Instruction provided by Argonaut Medical Training LLC- A Florida Corporation & Veteran-owned Business**

- Has trained and certified >19,000 Healthcare, EMS, Fire, Police & Lifeguard professionals and Civilians since 1974
- **Instructors: Dr. Bill Sowell, MD, ACEP- Founder/Medical Director & Natalya Schenck- President/Senior Instructor**
- Argonaut Medical Training LLC is a Licensed Training Provider of the American Red Cross, NAUI & Florida Dept of Education
- ***We have applied a special "Friends & Family Discount" for this course [Regularly \$120-\$150 market price]**



Licensed Training Provider

The advanced-interest sign-up sheet is being circulated now





Questions / Discussion?





Administration Section Chief

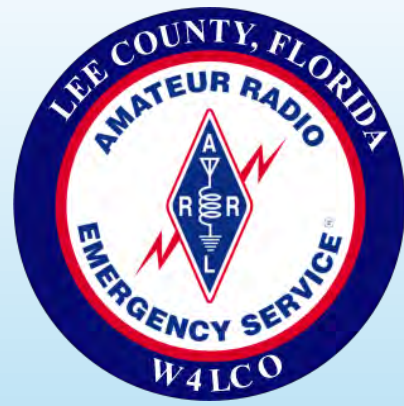
AEC Joe Rickard NØJAR

Deputy Administration Section Chief

DAEC Don Domina KCØDE

Adminstration

- New LeeARES member portal on the website is almost complete and is currently in final testing
 - Anticipated rollout is at the June LeeARES meeting
 - Members will get instructions for signing up and inputting their own information.
- Website work continues
 - Changes are being made to the Menu section and the placement of information on the site. Goal is to reduce clutter and to place info in logical places.
- If you have an interest in purchasing LeeARES license plates or door magnets – See Joe. Also if you are waiting for a badge –See Joe.



Questions