

INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 201) (FOR ARES (R))

1. Incident Name: SANTA DELIVERY 2024	2. Incident Number: 2024-6	3. Date/Time Initiated: Date: DEC 7 Time: 0700
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4. Map/Sketch (include sketch, showing the total area of operations, the incident site/area, impacted and threatened areas, overflight results, trajectories, impacted shorelines, or other graphics depicting situational status and resource assignment):

LifeSouth Operation Santa Delivery VENDOR #14

December 7, 2024

Santa Fe College North Lawn

Corner of NW 39th Ave & NW 91st St

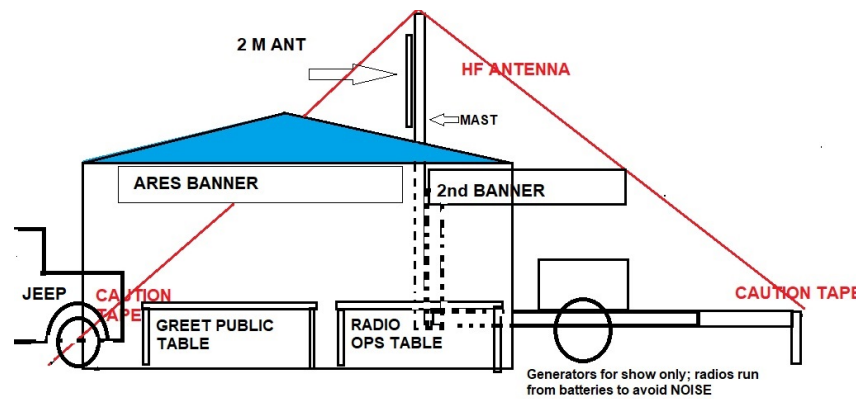
Enter field from south entrance or other marked entrance

SETUP @ 0700

Must be ready by 0900

TYPICAL EVENT TIMELINES

1000 - 1300



EXPECT 2nd Canopy to cover Jeep /radio Display items

EXPECT US Flag on top of mast

Operation by BATTERIES

5. Situation Summary and Health and Safety Briefing (for briefings or transfer of command):

Recognize potential incident Health and Safety Hazards and develop necessary measures (remove hazard, provide personal protective equipment, warn people of the hazard) to protect responders from those hazards.

- Annual LifeSouth Operation Santa Delivery -- arrival of helicopter / Santa
- CONTACT: Laura Bialeck at 352-334-1000 x41027 lgbialeck@lifesouth.org.
- Laura is aware of "3 groups" -- GARS (#13), ARES (#14), Helicopter crew (Jim Carr)
- Helicopter landing coordinated by GARS/Jim Carr KC4MHH: Aircraft operations are on Helicopter Unicom, 123.025 (AM) Ground operations are on 147.520 (HAM FM)
- **SUN -- Sunscreen / HAT! / Drink Water! Stay Hydrated!**
- Chairs to ease joints etc.

6. Prepared by: Name: G. Gibby _____ Position/Title: Vol _____ Signature: _____

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7. Current and Planned Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety of volunteers and community 2. Property safety 3. Present our various services to the community during disasters 4. Allow public to write down messages for WINLINK deliver to email or cell phones (either HF or VHF or both) 5. Present opportunities for hams / others to JOIN ARES 6. Our volunteers have a GOOD TIME! 																																				
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9. Current Organization (fill in additional organization as appropriate)

Distributed organization

Location / Effort	Personnel	Comment
Tow Truck: Mast	Leland Gallup	Emplace tower / generator trailer
Tow Truck: Willys Jeep	Ron Lewis	
Rosemary's Canopy:	Arrival: Gordon Departure: Earl Sloan	
Rosemary's Chairs	Rosemary (ill)	
Display Assets Team	Leland Gallup, Eric Pleace et al	Managing myriad items of brochures, canopies, scotch tape, pens, sign up sheets, etc.
LIFE SOUTH CONTACT	Laura Bialeck at 352-334-1000 x41027 lgbialeck@lifesouth.org.	

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10. Resource Summary:						
Resource	Resource Identifier	Date/ Time Ordered	ETA	Arrived	Notes (location/assignment/status)	
Tower/Generator Trailer			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon's new-to-him Silverado, deliver and then park truck away	
USA FLAG			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rosemary?? Gordon backup	
Canopy 2			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon will bring in truck bed	
Chairs			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	From Rosemary -- Ron bringing 4-5 Gordon bring some	
Tables x 2-3			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon - one 6' white, additional for radio	
Tables, display items, radios			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Lewis -- Jeep area	
HF ANTENNA			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon - probably non-resonant end fed with 9:1 Balun	
VHF ANTENNA			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Huckstep	
HF/VHF Go Box with 1 computer			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Huckstep data capable on both SSB / FM	
1 Computer			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon - from EOC or David	
ARES BANNER			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Capehart -- please bring at 0700	
2 ARRL HANDOUTS			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Capehart	
Display Crew Items			0700		Team: Leland, Eric, others	
FORMS FOR PUBLIC			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demo Winlink Forms - by Gordon on clipboard (Team: Leland, Eric, others)	
BROCHURE - our services			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	In brochure holder (Team: Leland, Eric, others)	
BROCHURE - joining our effort			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	In brochure holder (Team: Leland, Eric, others)	
2nd Banner			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Team: Leland, Eric, others)	
PARACORD			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	For supporting banners etc (Team: Leland, Eric, others)	

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CAUTION TAPE			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	For marking antenna, wires etc (Team: Leland, Eric, others)
Scotch tape, pens clipboards			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stationery items (Team: Leland, Eric, others)
First Aid Kit			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic first air for cuts etc (Team: Leland, Eric, others)
30Ahr Battery + 20AM Battery + possible other			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Huckstep
35 Ahr Battery + 8 Ahr			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon Gibby
GMRS TRANSCEIVER			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon
RFI-filtered inverter			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon
Other demo items			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paddle, keyer project, with amplified speaker for demo: Gordon
Short ladder			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon -- assist in erecting antenna and holding wire
Antenna Tool Box			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon
Antenna multiplexer / filters			0700	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gordon
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INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN ICS-205

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1. Incident Name: BASIC TEMPLATE			2. Date/Time Prepared: Date: 11/14/2024 Time:			3. Operational Period Date From: NONE Date To: Time From: Time To:				
4. Basic Radio Channel Use:										
Zone Grp.	Ch #	Function	Channel Name / Trunked Radio System Talkgroup	Assignment	RX Freq. N or W	RX TONE /NAC	TX FREQ N or W	TX TONE /NAC	MODE (A, D, or M)	Remarks
		Setup Crew	Local Net	Ham	146.550	N/A	146.550	N/A	A	ARRIVAL CREW IF NEEDED
		Ground Crew	Local Net	Ham	147.520	N/A	147.520	N/A	A	Jim Carr GROUND CREW
		Logistics (VARA-FM)	GNV-VARA	Ham	144.990 FM/W	N/A	144.990 FM/W	N/A	D	Growing VARA-FM communications possibilities Note Digipeater NF4RC-7 W4DFU-12, KX4Z-12
		Logistics Packet	GNV-PKT	Ham	145.070 FM/W	N/A	145.070 FM/W	N/A	D	Local Winlink packet servers / digipeaters Primarily K4ZSW-10 New: KC4WNK-10
		Logistics	WINLINK HF	Ham	Software		Software		D	HF WINLINK
		Public	GMRS 15/23	Public	462.550	141.3	467.550	141.3		County-wide GMRS DEMONSTRATION
5. Special Instructions										
BASIC CONNECTIONS										
6. Prepared By (Communications Unit Leader) Name						G. Gibby		Signature		
ICS 205				IAP PAGE				Date / Time 11/14/2024		

APPENDIX: PUBLIC INTAKE FORM

RADIO EMAIL DEMONSTRATION FREE COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

In times of emergency or disaster, should communications by PHONE and INTERNET be disrupted or overloaded, local volunteer FCC-licensed Amateur radio operators in the Alachua County ARES(R) group volunteer to SEND OUTGOING MESSAGES free of charge from your family to your loved ones who are concerned about your situation.

We access volunteer human-operated, and computer-operated amateur radio stations throughout the nation in order to attempt to deliver your message to your loved one's EMAIL. That is the easiest for us, since their email still works. We can also often get message through to a TELEPHONE NUMBER.

DEMONSTRATION

We can take your simple (non-commercial) message right here and send it right now directly to any email -- *even back to your own email right on your cell phone!*

You may be amazed how FAST we can get this done. We will send your message outbound by either short-wave or VHF radio, and put it directly on the volunteer ham radio WINLINK system which will automatically connect it back into the normal email system. If everything is "down" here locally, it is easy for us to send it even out of state to get it sent.

OUTGOING FREE MESSAGE TO LOVED ONES
VIA ALACHUA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

*DEMONSTRATION MESSAGES MUST HAVE
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY*

FROM:	PRINT YOUR FIRST NAME LAST NAME
DATE:	MONTH DAY, YEAR
TO:	PRINT PERSON ADDRESSED TO
	PRINT EMAIL ADDRESSED TO
	REPEAT PRINT EMAIL ADDRESS
MESSAGE	PRINT MESSAGE TO SEND (MAX 100 WORDS) IN LINES BELOW:

MESSAGE CREATOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ACCURACY
OR EVEN DELIVERY IS NOT GUARANTEED THERE IS
NO CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE DONE BY VOLUNTEERS.
**DO NOT PUT EMBARRASSING OR PRIVATE DETAILS
AS THIS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE KEPT
CONFIDENTIAL.**

APPENDIX: SENDING SMS MESSAGES VIA EMAIL

**Send to the email address for "SMS" below.
Put the message as the SUBJECT.**

AT&T: number@txt.att.net (SMS)

☐ **Boost Mobile:** number@sms.myboostmobile.com (SMS)

☐ **C-Spire:** number@cspire1.com

☐ **Consumer Cellular:** number@mailmymobile.net

☐ **COX MOBILE:** uses Verizon: number@vtext.com (SMS),

☐ **Cricket:** number@sms.cricketwireless.net (SMS)

☐ **Google Fi (Project Fi):** number@msg.fi.google.com (SMS & MMS)

☐ **H2O Wireless:** number@txt.att.net (SMS),

☐ **Metro by T-Mobile:** number@mymetropcs.com (SMS & MMS)

☐ **Mint Mobile:** number@tmomail.net (SMS)

☐ **Page Plus:** number@vtext.com (SMS),

☐ **Pure Talk:** number@txt.att.net (SMS),

☐ **Red Pocket:** Red Pocket uses AT&T or T-Mobile (for GSM SIMs) & Verizon for CDMA. See info. for those carriers.

☐ **Republic Wireless:** number@text.republicwireless.com (SMS)

☐ **Simple Mobile:** number@smttext.com (SMS)

☐ **T-Mobile:** number@tmomail.net (SMS & MMS)

☐ **Tello:** number@tmomail.net (SMS & MMS)

☐ **Ting:** number@message.ting.com (SMS for CDMA), number@tmomail.net (SMS for GSM)

☐ **Tracfone:** number@mmst5.tracfone.com (MMS)

☐ **Twigby:** number@vtext.com (SMS), number@vzwpix.com (MMS)

☐ **Ultra Mobile:** number@mailmymobile.net

☐ **U.S. Cellular:** number@email.uscc.net (SMS),

☐ **U.S. Mobile:** number@vtext.com (SMS),

☐ **Verizon:** number@vtext.com (SMS),

☐ **Visible:** number@vtext.com (SMS),

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APPENDIX: WHAT WE DO FOR THE PUBLIC BROCHURE

- **SAFE:** Our volunteers in Shelters are background checked and badged.
- **BENEFIT:** Our volunteer efforts count for the county and bring in tens of \$thousands of FEMA dollars.
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DURING COMMUNICATION DISASTERS WE CAN HELP YOU SEND WORD TO LOVED ONES

What We Can Do For YOU ALACHUA COUNTY



HAM RADIO VOLUNTEERS WHEN CELL QUITS

- We can send email to loved ones for you.
- We can get messages to the authorities from residents who are completely cut off from telephone/Internet --

For MORE INFORMATION about how YOU can get involved, get training, and join in:

Our Website
nf4rc.club

Email
docvacuumtubes@gmail.com

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOURSELF

- Open to all ages
- No license required to join
- No dues
- We will mentor you to get YOUR license
- Volunteers for Alachua County Emergency Management
- Monthly training meetings – in person and on Zoom
- Frequent "hands-on" MAKER-type building sessions

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- **Even get help if needed**
- **In SHELTERS – We can provide updates and information – weather, roads, situation**
- **WHERE: We can be sent to provide voice, email and data communications ANYWHERE in the county – without CELL or INTERNET**

- **ELECTRICITY: We can operate on BATTERY or SOLAR or GENERATOR power – and we can provide any of those for our radios!**

- installing antennas even after a Hurricane.
- We have the ability to reach State and National Resources when requested by Alachua County – without any need for Cell or Internet.



Our systems work even if STARLINK has been shut down over overwhelmed!

We serve wherever Alachua County Emergency Management sends us!

- We can make local and NATIONAL communications happen by self-

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We serve from HOME or wherever Alachua County Emergency Management sends us!

- **SKILLS:** We have plenty of friendly EXPERTS and we mentor people to get their FCC License, put together fun and inexpensive equipment and gain valuable SKILLS.
- **ANTENNAS:** We are EXPERTS at all types of antennas, both INSIDE and OUTSIDE -- We mentor on SOLUTIONS

- **ELECTRICITY:** We will show you how to operate on BATTERY or SOLAR or GENERATOR power.

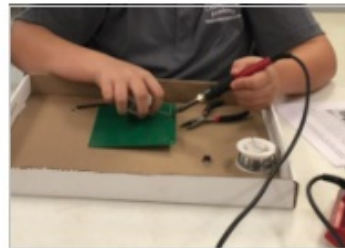


Voice & Data Transceiver with worldwide reach

We bring added fulfillment to many lives by helping local residents get ham radio licenses, gain skills and SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY with those skills & assets.

Our systems work even if STARLINK has been shut down over overwhelmed!

Wholesome Learning For All Ages



Our volunteer group provides HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES throughout the year that can help you or your kids gain new skills and even find a vocation!

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NEXT ARES(R) MEETING	Wednesday, December 11 6:30 PM	All are invited Queen of Peace Catholic Church (West side of town 24th Ave) Meeting Room 5 in Cafeteria building
NEXT Gainesville Amateur Radio Society Meeting	GARS Banquet Waldo Florida Saturday December 21 2024 (cost involved) Tuesday January 21st Waldo Florida 6:30 PM	
NEXT TECHNICIAN RADIO CLASS		
Recommended self study guide	ARRL Ham Radio License Manual Approx \$30 on Amazon OR Gordon West Technician Class FCC Element 2 Radio License Preparation 10th Edition Approx \$30 on Amazon	
Online FREE study helps	hamstudy.org and many others	
Next Big Ham Radio Event	ARES / NFARC Parks on the Air / Meteor Scatter effort 0800 North entrance to San Felasco State Park	Entrance is on the south side of NW 133rd Terrace (aka Progress Blvd) between CR 241 (140th Street) and US441 Look for the State Park sign
NEXT LICENSE TESTS	GARS TESTING (first Saturday of even months) see https://gars.club/Testing.html 12/31/2030 Williston FL 32696-2043 Levy County RES Request your exam at www.freewebs.com/wm3b/index.htm Time: 6:00 PM (no walkins --	Dec 7 2024 - 1300 LOC Likely Feb 1 2025 - 1300 LOC

	register or call ahead) ONLINE: https://www.hamonlinetests.com/ (ARRL accredited VEC team) https://parcradio.org/pages/online.html	They give exams about every 3 days It looks like they schedule the exam for you specifically
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APPENDIX: AVOIDING INTER-STATION INTERFERENCE

2 meters:

147.520 -- simplex operations for helicopter ground crew, often on hand-held walkie-talkies with little adjacent channel selectivity

146.220 -- transmissions from GARS booth to the 146.820 repeater (if utilized)

144.990 -- VARA transmissions for Winlink communications from the ARES booth

145.070 -- AX.25 transmissions to K4ZSW-10

Possible mitigating strategies:

a) simplex operations on the field can use low power

b) transmissions to 146.820 repeater can generally use an external antenna and relatively low power with a straight shot to the repeater antenna

c) transmissions to VARA stations can often use lower power if using the NF4RC-7 digipeater, or possibly over the "hill" to KX4Z-12.

Using lower power for many operations might reduce interference to negligible levels. We are able to run simultaneous operations at the EOC with antennas only about 12 feet apart between VARA and the 146.820 repeater with relatively high quality transceivers. The next step, if required, is to use notching 2-meter duplex cans. A can with a notch at 146.220 and oriented to allow pass-through of LOWER frequencies would allow VARA transmissions to continue. A can with a notch at 144.990 and oriented to allow pass-through of HIGHER frequencies would help out the GARS folks. I still have two cans I think at home and may be able to set them up for these frequencies.

Never understood duplexer filters? This is a good chance for you to LEARN HOW THEY WORK!!

High Frequency

The GARS folks like to demonstrate 20-meter phone operations, so we should avoid 20-meter digital operations if possible. Using 80m or 40m or 30m to reach KX4Z might minimize interference.

Meanwhile, we can offer the GARS folks the use of a 20-meter bandpass filter if they should have problems from our transmissions. At the same time, we could use 80-m or 40-m ports on our antenna multiplexer to avoid reception of their 20m energy. If we have just ONE hf station, this is an unusual instance where the antenna tuner might be on the ANTENNA side of the antenna multiplexer. Can you see why?