

INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 201) (ARES)

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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):



Event to be held at (1) The Gibby

Residence, 15216 NW 41st Ave,
Newberry, Florida

Two stations in the Guest House simulating disaster base camp radio installations; (2) **NW Corner** Travel Trailer /Pine Tree Wire Antenna (**3rd Station**). (3) **SW Corner** RV trailer with vertical antenna with generator Possible also 6m station and Satellite Efforts (**4th Station**). (4) **Tower Trailer** parked 50' or more East of Guest House.

EXERCISE RULES FOR REVIEW: <https://www.arrl.org/field-day-rules> Volunteers
PLEASE READ! PHONE CONTACTS: 1 Point. CW or DATA: 2 Points

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.

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Summer Field Day @ The Gibby Residence: NF4RC Club Call Sign		
<p>Note that there are at least TWO groups holding Summer Field Day in Alachua County. This information is for the ARES/NF4AC group. The Gainesville Amateur Radio Society will hold their excellent Field Day in Waldo, Florida. Further details on that effort: http://gars.club/</p>		
<p>CLICK HERE FOR SIGN UP FORM FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>The Sign Up Form also serves as our OPERATOR SCHEDULE</p>		
June 28-29 Sat/Sun 2PM Sat - 13:59 PM Sun Begins 1800 UTC	EXCHANGE: NF4RC 5A NFL	Onsite setup begins: Thursday 8 PM (Field & MESH) SAT 8AM
<p><i>SCORE depends primarily on CONTACTS</i></p> <p><i>Field Day allows NO INTERNET (for transmission/reception)</i></p> <p><i>No Repeaters. No Digipeaters. FLEXIBILITY is rewarded in scoring system.</i></p>		
5Total Transmitters <i>Attempting uniformity of all 7300s but you can always bring your preferred radio IF CONFIGURED IN ADVANCE</i>	"Freebie" VHF station Satellite station	Incident Commander will attempt to guide you to hot bands for contacts or techniques N3FJP logging
SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS		
TRIP HAZARDS	We will have COAX going from multiplexer system to the transceiver tables. Cover with rugs etc where possible. AVOID TRIP.	
SLEEP	GET SOME SLEEP. Bring padding, earplugs, eye shades. Guest house and other floor areas available for sleeping. Keep noise down!!!	
RESTROOM	One in the Guest House and each RV.	
SECURITY	Lock vehicles in parking lot.	
6. Prepared by: <i>E.Sloan/G. Gibby</i> Position/Title: <i>planning</i> Signature: <i>/s/</i>		
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7. Current and Planned Objectives: A. Safety for All. B. Have fun and learn! C. Hone your skills at all things EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS! BECOME MORE EFFICIENT AND MORE FLEXIBLE -- -----Field Day 2026 rewards the ability to operate VOICE, DATA, CW as efficiently as possible, and on multiple BANDS for longer periods & emergency power.		

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8. Current and Planned Actions, Strategies, and Tactics:

Time:	Actions:
April	Arrange for submission of Amateur Radio Week Proclamation in APRIL -- must be submitted more than 45 days in advance. DONE / Proclamations to be awarded June 9th at 11:30am at the Alachua County Admin Building.
In Advance May 13, 2026	NFARC/ARES May Meeting Wed May 13 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89530741792 and in person @ EOC - 7 PM (6:30 chit chat) -- review tentative plans, accept and approve amendments to Incident Action Plan. DONE
May 31, 2026	LabNLunch to sort our voice memorized canned text and transmitter adjustment.
YOUR RADIO	<u>We welcome you to bring your own radio with your own computer and other systems. However we require that you have it tested and set up to WORK with our N3FJP logging, and our callsign (NF4RC). The deadline for this is Saturday June 20th. APPROVAL BY EARL MCDOW REQUIRED. Opportunities for that are each Wednesday at the EOC @ 11AM-1 PM June 3, 10, 17, 24. This is simple courtesy for Earl McDow and others who set up our networking. It isn't "fair" to hit them with a new radio/computer Saturday at Field Day!</u>
THUR June 25 8PM Tower Parking /Beam	WAYS YOU COULD BE INVOLVED 8 PM Tower Trailer 8 PM Assembly of Mosley 3 element, triband beam (on mast, tower laid down in cradle). See this document for instructions: (review in advance to be prepared) https://www.nf4rc.club/how-to-docs/antennas/tower-trailer-operations/ Great chance to learn how to assemble Beam! Great Volunteers: ??
FRI June 26. 0900 LOC	<u>WAYS YOU COULD BE INVOLVED:</u> Help with setup of 1. NW Corner antenna (get line(s) over tree to hold up sloping dipole and drooping 6 meter antenna 2. SW Corner antennas setup. 3. Mesh Networking / Logging systems throughout the facility (our fantastic networking group!)
	Radios can be installed Friday AFTERNOON if there is no obvious weather event.
8 PM Friday, 6/26 0000 Z	The W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule can be found here: Bulletin Schedule <u>This is worth 100 points. The PSK version is often the easiest to copy.</u> Volunteers: ??-- but YOU can try this too, see the link above

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SAT JUN 27 8AM	<p><u>WAYS YOU COULD BE INVOLVED:</u></p> <p>Help with setup of</p>
Guest House Stations	<p>1. Finish any remaining setup of Station 1 and Station 2 and Station 3 (Walk UP) in the Guest House</p> <p>2. Coax cables from Station 1 / Station 2 / Station 3 to Antenna Multiplexer</p>
Media Display	<p>3. Antenna Multiplexer in guest house</p> <p>4. When BEAM in use, expect 20/15/10 multiplexer to feed BEAM coax (please Label!)</p>
Trailer (Stn 4)	<p>5. Daylight: Expect direct 40m connection to Wire Antenna (only 1 station possible)</p> <p>6. Night: As 20/15/10 die expect 40/80/160 Antenna Multiplexer in WIRE ANTENNA coax</p>
Trailer (Stn 5)	<p>7. Power Meter on antenna output of any Antenna Multiplexer</p> <p>8. Coax Cables (Beam and Wire Antenna) neatly out door to Tower Trailer and Wire Antennas (Pavement Protectors in Radio Room)</p>
Satellite Station	<p>9. Set up snacks in the Guest House kitchen.</p> <p>10. If your computer has already been approved and configured, and you want it, bring it in and set it up! (Otherwise, DON'T connect to our network!)</p>
6m Station	<p>11. Assist with placement of RV Trailers</p>
Solar Power	<p>12. MAYBE Assist connecting up 6 meter Antenna on the tower trailer above the beam. with LIGHTNING ARRESTER</p> <p>13. Assist connecting up Sloping OCFD to BOTTOM SO-239 in Trailer with LIGHTNING ARRESTER</p> <p>14. Assist with placement of Diesel Generator placement on relatively flat ground in vicinity of buried ground rod and RV Trailer (check for extension cord length!)</p> <p>15. Heavy gauge extension cords between Diesel Generator and RV trailer (Limited distance)</p> <p>16. Green "ground" extension cords between Diesel Generator and buried ground rod</p> <p>17. Installing Mesh / WIFI networking / Ethernet between MESH transceiver & travel trailer</p> <p>18. Set up Station 4</p> <p>19. Set up Station 5</p> <p>20. Set up 6-meter monitoring</p> <p>21. Set up Satellite Antenna</p> <p>22. Set up Satellite Station, plywood or table on Trailer Mattress</p> <p>23. SOLAR Power: May be able to do this with Gordon's RV.</p> <p>Incident Commander to assign bands and supervise testing of each station</p> <p>Complete all setup and testing Before Educational Talks 1100</p>

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<p>EXPECTED MODES AND BANDS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • VOICE -- expect plenty of VOICE OPS. LSB on 160/80/40; USB on all above DATA -- FT8/FT4 (using WSJT) is by far the primary mode. Our systems will allow EASY logging into N3FJP. Time coordination via GPS Satellite NTP server (no • Internet allowed) CW -- Canned text in N3FJP on the CW station will be preset (with David Fox's improvements!) and allow for very speedy contacts. CW -- Bring your preferred key or keyer set to work with an ICOM7300 (1/4" stereo plug) and preferably WINKEYER set to work with your computer already set to log into our system Suggestions: https://www.nf4rc.club/how-to-docs/cw-resources/2024-wfd-cw-contact-suggestions/ Learning how to use N3FJP to send parts of the QSO will make you far faster. <p>6M simple drooping dipole antenna Friday and monitor for activity on 50.125 USB/or FT8 -- If activity, the potential for "freebie station" contacts.</p>
<p>Saturday June 27</p>	
<p>11:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1330 -- Will try to get David Peaton to speak
<p>LUNCH 1200</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza?
<p>ONSITE TRAINING 1 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Program at 1PM: • 1300 -- Training on controlling Satellite Antenna / Possibly how to directly receive Satellite Maps too.
<p>TESTING 1 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🕒 Get on the air, just not quite Field Day Yet! Final checkouts on your equipment, band conditions etc. Incident Commander checking power to the antennas, beam pointing, etc. Identify and FIX any problems.
<p>Class 2 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technician Class Introduction Volunteer to Teach?
<p>FIELD DAY START 2 PM 1800 UTC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try for ALL FIVE STATIONS up and running on a fresh database at 1400 LOCAL - Incident Commander checking on everyone.
<p>Class 4 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winlink Training. Learn how to send Winlink messages and send them for Field Day! • Volunteer to teach?

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Class 5 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on controlling Satellite Antenna / Possibly how to directly receive Satellite Maps too. Gordon Gibby
<h3>Sunday June 28</h3>	
9 AM	Breakfast
Class 10 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Technician Class Volunteer to teach?
12 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch
SUN June 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13:59PM FD Concludes. Cleanup / Teardown
THUNDER STORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We almost always have a THUNDERSTORM in the afternoon -- so Incident Commander listening to weather alerts and watching lightning etc. Local VHF 146.55 MHz and also via the N3FJP texting communications.
STRATEGIES	<p>IC needs to print out copy of operating schedules so that we can see at a glance who should be operating where--post at multiple locations!</p> <p>Incident Commander will be observing progress, listening to WEB SDRs and other resources to try and guide us to obtaining the maximum number of CONTACTS. We ARE a training group -- therefore expect gentle advice from whomever is "in charge" on your shift and you can also turn to them for HELP!</p>
SOLAR POWER	SOLAR POWER (Alternative Power) All batteries must be charged using either solar power or generators.
FOOD	<p>Bring snack-type items to place in Guest House Kitchen</p> <p>LUNCH SATURDY (1200, after educational program - Invite David Peaton!) Simple food</p> <p>DINNER SATURDAY (1800) Potluck?</p> <p>SUNDAY BREAKFAST: (0900)</p> <p>SUNDAY LUNCH: (1200) (Simple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
WINLINK MESSAGES	<p>100 points for Section Manager Message (note specific required content)</p> <p>100 points (total) for 10 messages from site. Typically we do these as Radiograms via RRI or ICS213 and use Winlink (e.g. KX4Z-12) over Vhf to move them in the evening when someone is free.</p> <p>VOLUNTEER: From the Winlink Class?</p>
FREE VHF	We are allowed a free VHF station. If you would like to try E-Scatter this is a great chance if the band opens! (This is in addition to Satellite Efforts)

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Sunday/ Monday	FIELD DAY SUBMISSION <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation Unit (Planning Section) files contest results with FD electronically
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9. Current Organization (fill in additional organization as appropriate): Very simple organization. We will attempt to maintain an on-site Incident Commander to help prevent chaos and keep people going to "most productive" bands.		
VOLUNTEER INCIDENT COMMANDERS		
Time Period	Challenges	Volunteer Incident Command
Saturday Morning until 1 PM	Getting everything setup	
1 PM - 8 PM	First operating period; whiteboard statistics	TBD
8 PM into the dark night	Second operating period: whiteboard statistics	TBD
Sunday Morning 0600 - 1259 LOC	2nd morning: whiteboard statistics	TBD
Sunday 1300	Finishing up: teardown	TBD
OTHER VERY SIGNIFICANT VOLUNTEERS		
PIO OFFICER	Gordon Gibby	
SAFETY OFFICER		
SOLAR POWER OFFICER		
Networking	Earl McDow / Susan Halbert / Mark McDow	
Logistics		
Travel Trailer	Gordon Gibby KX4Z Earl Sloan KI4OXD	
Winlink Messages Chief		
Station #1 Captain	Manish Sahni KC4KZ	
Station #2 Captain	Mike Hasselbeck WB2FKO	
Station #3 Captain	TBD	
Station #4 Captain	Gordon Gibby KX4Z	
Station #5 Captain	Earl Sloan KI4OXD	

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10. Resource Summary:					
Resource	Owner	Transport	ETA	Arrived	Notes (location/assignment/status)
HF Station #1	EOC 7300	Manish Shahn KC4KZ	SAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	EOC Wooden Go Box
HF Station #2	Gibby	Mike Hasslebeck WB2FKO	SAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use EOC Go-Box Radio ; Gibby HP Elitebook computer Extra monitor (extra monitor needed only for digital)
HF Station #3	Earl S. Go Box		SAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HF Station #4 - Trailer	Gibby	Gibby	SAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use Gibby go-box with tuner
200' LMR400'	Gibby provided	Gibby provided		<input type="checkbox"/>	
200 300' RGiX	Gibby provided	Gibby provided		<input type="checkbox"/>	
200' RG8X	Earl S.	Earl S.	THURS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Logging (server)	Earl M.	Earl M.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Logging Computer (server)
Private WIFI system	Earl M.	Earl M.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Private WIFI system - Part 15
Incident Commander Laptop	EOC computers		SAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Incident Commander Laptop (web sdr etc) AND EXTERNAL DISPLAY
Travel Trailer #1	Gordon	Gordon	THURS	<input type="checkbox"/>	OCFD 65 ft / 6m PVC elbow antenna; propane heat; backup genny
Travel Trailer #2	Earl S	Earl S	THURS	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 – 40 meter vertical antenna; 53' random wire antenna

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Optional addn'l coax to Tower Trailer	Volunteer coax		SAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer coaxes connected together
Solar Power Equipment	Gibby provided	Gibby provided	SAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	20A MPPT charger; 200W+ panels, 2 EOC batteries; low noise inverter.
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APPENDIX

Step-By-Step CW<-->WSJT-X

(material copied from: 2024 June 22 IAP Appendices, available at <https://www.nf4rc.club/field-daypages/2024-field-day-iap-appendices/>)

GOING TO CW (N3FJP must be able to send CW by controlling ICOM 7300 via port)		
Step	Accomplish	Explanation
1	Close WSJT-X if running	Will release control of ICOM port, in case you want to allow N3FJP to monitor frequency data from 7300
2	N3FJP Settings Transmit CW Setup -- open WINKEYER	(N3FJP must open and keep open, connection to WINKEYER via USB connection) Winkeyer controls ICOM via straight key input so does not need any port on the 7300
3	Optional whether you use N3FJP Rig Interface to allow reading of frequency information	More of a bother to me
GOING TO FT8/FT4 (WSJT-X) (WSJT-X must have port connection to 7300)		
Step	Accomplish	Explanation
1	Close N3FJP usage of WINKEYER <u>if that was happening</u> Settings Transmit CW Setup close the WINKEYER connection	
2	Close N3FJP Rig Interface to 7300 <u>if that was happening</u> Settings Rig Interface Click "END TEST" (Once disconnected, click DONE to exit dialog box)	Should be sufficient to stop connection to the ICOM 7300. If insufficient, select "NONE" for the type of rig...
3	Start up WSJT-X File Settings go through both Radio and Audio tabs: Make proper selections to connect to ICOM	Once connected you should see signals on the WSJT-X waterfall and correct frequency displayed and WSJT-X able to switch bands on the ICOM 7300.

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	port (baud: 115200) (verify with tests) and Audio Soundcards	
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