

Good Morning!

I hope this message finds you well and active in the greatest hobby/public service pastime in the world...ham radio!

This month's NFL Newsletter is attached; I sent an earlier update to the NFL DEC/EC contact list, it has not changed. This list/document is also available on the Yahoo!Group site and NFL Web Page.

Special thanks to our Webmaster Bert and Newsletter Editor Floyd KK3Q for three months of success! The new look of the NFL Web Page is great! <http://arri-nfl.org/> Take a look around!!

A few new appointments. Welcome to Erik Brooks KC4NVU, New EC of Leon County; and Warren Greenberg AE4WG New AEC of Volusia County. Congrats to both of you and good luck!

I did get a few more monthly reports in April – thanks. But were still quite short (we're at about 30%). PLEASE SEND SOMETHING BY THE 5th OF THE MONTH TO STRAIT HOLLIS KT4YA – even a “no change”, “no activity” is good (so we still know you're around and breathing at least – Hi, hi, hi!). To those of you that dutifully send a report, THANK YOU! It is appreciated!

On the 16th I sent out the information for our NFL Section participating in the Florida Statewide Hurricane Exercise- we will be activating and operating on Tuesday, May 19th. Some will be operating other days to local scheduling or conflicts. If you are an EC or DEC, you need to review the materials and after whatever participation your group does locally, provide a short after action report to our NFL SEC, Strait Hollis KT4YA. Please prep your homes, families and yourself for the start of Hurricane Season – while it appears it should be similar to last year, we don't need a hurricane to wreak havoc here in Florida – the thunderstorms, lightning, tornadoes, flooding, shark bites, and tourists do us proud too!

- Strait has also sent out the EOC surveys the State EOC ESF2 requested. Please get these completed and back to him as soon as practical.

- IF YOUR ARES GROUP OR CLUB IS GOING TO DO FIELD DAY PLEASE SEND A SHORT BLURB TO FLOYD LARCK KK3Q OUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR SO HE CAN GET STARTED ON THE JUNE NFL NEWSLETTER ARTICLE. ORGANIZATION NAME, LOCATION, CALL SIGN IS A GOOD START. HIS E-MAIL ADDRESS IS: hamradio@kk3q.net

- Bob N6USP is looking for net controls for the statewide Florida Hurricane Net. If interested, contact Bob directly at: n6usp@bellsouth.net

- Congratulations to GARS members Ed Amsbury N4OVO and Gary Hunt KF4QEX who were mentioned by name along with Amateur Radio in a local news story by the Gainesville Sun. The story made the Local section of the newspaper above the fold. It is also featured online.

Drill Tests Local Storm Preparedness

<http://www.gainesville.com/article/20150430/ARTICLES/150439966/1183?Title=Drill-tests-local-storm-preparedness>

The operators learned some new skills and got some real-world practice and experience to prepare them for if/when we have to respond to a real event. (Thanks - Jeff, W4UFL)

- Santa Rosa County completed an early exercise (April 29th) and provided me with a report – it is attached and I'd like to comment on one item. During the exercise they experienced deliberate,

malicious interference while trying to pass exercise traffic. Kudos to this group in ignoring the idiot and finding an alternative frequency. I am sorry that I have to recommend this, but it's not a bad idea to have one or two contingency frequencies that are non-published that can be utilized as they did to get the job done. A very sad event but it occurs from time to time. (Thanks - Steve W4SJV).

Field Day is next month – and the start of Hurricane Season. Get prepared!

See you at Dayton Hamvention, a club meeting, or on the air!

73!

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