

Section Manager's Message
September 2016

*Good Day to You! I hope this message finds you enjoying the Greatest Hobby and Service in the World!
A few minor changes in the EC listing; newsletter is attached.*

Summer is OVER! Wow, where has the time gone! School is back in session, and the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is upon us! Look for an announcement from the ARRL soon! (Usually the first weekend in October).

This is a "short" monthly message.....lots going on here in Central Florida!

Tropical Storm Hermine is churning out there – and many of our brothers and sisters are prepping for rain, wind, flooding – particularly in the Panhandle, Big Bend, and WCF Section Areas. Keep them in your prayers....and check your own equipment, stores, and supplies – if they yell for help, we will be there! Again, PLEASE DON'T SELF -DEPLOY if a call goes out – it just contributes to the confusion and chaos. We have a plan, and a process if necessary. STAY SAFE! Keep monitoring the News, NHC, NWS, or whatever to be up-to-date on the storm progress.

Miller Norton, W4EMN, is seeking EOC's with an amateur radio presence to take a monthly session of the SARNet. If EOC's don't pan out he would seek well-disciplined /qualified individuals to run a session. The nets will continue on the 1st Friday of each month at 0900. He has September and October covered. November and December are open. Those Interested can reply directly, via the ESF2@coj.net email address.

The Louisiana Ham activity has pretty much wound down – read more here:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/louisiana-amateur-radio-emergency-service-volunteers-standing-down> - AND.....I fielded several phone calls and e-mails (including one from the Governor's Office in Louisiana) because people misread stuff on Twitter and Facebook....including re-postings from the ARRL. **IF WE ARE REQUESTED TO DEPLOY FOR SUPPORT ANYWHERE, THAT REQUEST WILL COME FROM AN OFFICAL SOURCE** – mainly the State of Florida EC/EOC, the ARRL, or other support organization. We don't free-lance and self-deploy. I'd appreciate folks being patient and waiting for either Strait Hollis (SEC) or myself as SM sending out a request for volunteers. Thanks!!!

Hawaii is also prepping for TWO! Storms in the pacific. Our prayers and wishes for good luck to them too!

I was able to visit the Flagler/Palm Coast ARC, the DB CERT ARC Luncheon, and the Volusia Co ARES group this past month – once again, great stuff by great people!!!

My scheduled visits to Hamfests and "tailgates", club and ARES meetings for the month of September: **Sept 21, Gainesville ARC Meeting; Sept 23/24, Pensacola Hamfest** <http://www.w4uc.org/>

Contest season (and the cooler weather!!!! Yea!!!) is fast approaching. Check those cables, antennas and supports now!!

Get involved, get active, get happy! Stay safe, get on the air, and have fun!!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Steve WB4OMM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Szabo".

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