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Ham Radio Operators Deploy to North Fort Myers for 24-Hour Drill

WHO: The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC), in partnership with Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LeeARES®), will conduct the annual ARRL® Field Day emergency communications exercise to demonstrate how amateur radio provides reliable communications when hurricanes disable cellular, internet, and electrical infrastructure.

WHY: The public and local elected officials, emergency managers, and the public are invited to observe how trained volunteers establish off-grid communications using portable antennas and emergency power. Attendees will also learn how amateur radio operators have supported emergency operations and disaster response during major hurricanes, including Ian, Idalia, and Irma, while meeting the volunteers who help keep Southwest Florida connected when conventional communications fail.

Event Details:

North Fort Myers Community Park

2000 Recreation Park Way

North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Public Visitation Times:

Saturday, June 27th: 12:00 p.m. – Sunday, June 28th: 12:00 p.m.

Tice Fire House

9351 Workmen Way

Fort Myers, FL 33905

Public Visitation Times:

Saturday, June 27th: 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 28th: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

About ARRL Field Day

ARRL® Field Day is the nation's largest annual amateur radio emergency communications exercise, demonstrating how volunteer operators can establish reliable, independent communications when traditional systems fail. Operating without reliance on the internet, cellular networks, or the electrical grid, amateur radio stations can be deployed almost anywhere within minutes using portable antennas and emergency power. Field Day also highlights amateur radio's role in public service, emergency preparedness, and STEM education. Anyone can become a licensed amateur radio operator.

About the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club Inc. (FMARC)

Founded in 1957, FMARC is an ARRL-affiliated, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting amateur radio through comprehensive education, formal training, and dedicated community service. The club fosters fellowship among radio enthusiasts while maintaining an unwavering emphasis on public service during times of crisis.

About Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LeeARES®)

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a public service organization sponsored by the American Radio Relay League. Its members are licensed Amateur Radio Operators who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment to provide emergency communications as needed, and communications support to public service events. (Membership in ARRL is NOT a requirement to join ARES nor is membership in any amateur radio club required. It is open to ALL licensed Amateur Radio Operators.)

Additional Information & Resources

- FMARC Official Website: www.fmarc.net
- Field Day Details & Inquiries: www.arrl.org/field-day or email fieldday@fmarc.net
- Lee County ARES Information: www.leeareas.com

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