

July ARES Meeting Report

Greg needs some help moving some of the computer control equipment associated with the 911 center from the old EOC to the new one on Midway Road on Tuesday July 28 at 10:00 AM. If you can help, please drop Greg an e-mail to Greg and let him know. John KJ4KUU has agreed to drop off a trailer on Monday to use. This is very time sensitive because the normal 911 operation will be somewhat disrupted during the move.

Thanks to arrangements made by Jenny K4ZEF, we are back in the St Lucie Medical Center. Steve N4SGL and I meet with the Facilities Management Director and have worked out a station location in or very near the hospital command center. The hospital is ordering an antenna and feed line for installation on a fifth floor penthouse. As we discussed in the meeting last night, we will have a method to also install an emergency antenna in the fifth floor mechanical room in case the penthouse antenna blows away. The emergency antenna will be a mobile whip on a mag-mount and will require going to the mechanical room to switch over.

Our ID badges at this point will not operate at the new EOC. I will look into the procedure to get them programmed into the new EOC security system. There may be a finger print or bio-security involved so a visit to the new EOC will be required. More on this later.

Greg reported on the old 911 console that he will be programming and wiring for use for the ARES® radio gear that will be located in the tower building. It will have capabilities for multiple radios and perhaps telephone and radio patching.

These are the direct telephone numbers to the ARES® radio room at the new EOC: 772-462-8188 and 772-462-8189. Please keep these for your records and program them into your cell phones.

Remember if you have not done so, please go to www.w4slc.com and complete the ARES® application. This is required to be an official member so we can get you the county ID badge. If you have already do this and any of you information has change, please do it again so I can keep my database up to date.

At the meeting I mentioned insurance on your ham equipment. The insurance that I use is <http://hamradioinsurance.com/index.htm> . It is run by a friend of mine, Bill Hill W3WH in Canonsburg, PA. I have had very good service from them.

73 Ted W4ZE
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