

## **CLAY COUNTY ARES MARCH 2016 MONTHLY MEETING**

The Clay County ARES March 2016 meeting was held at the Clay County EOC in Green Cove Springs, FL. The meeting was opened by Scott Roberts.

The meeting had a special guest, Mike Lee, Vice Director of SE Region of ARRL.

Adrian Gray gave a report of the state of ARES – there was a weather event last week. Pay attention to the weather!

### **HAMCATION:**

Overall emphasis is reporting service hours. The number of service hours reported is more important than previously realized. Out of the 66 sections, only 31 report. The hours reported represents money not having to come out of budgets for served agencies. The push will be reporting those hours. The sooner Adrian gets the reports the sooner they can be forwarded on.

Other emphasis is on making procedures newer. ARES must embrace change and encourage younger people to become HAMS.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Upcoming event is the St. Johns River Cleanup. This is sponsored by the Orange Park Amateur Radio Club, but is assisted by ARES. The event is March 19<sup>th</sup>. If interested, contact Scott Roberts or Jim Winfrey.

### **OPERATIONS:**

Running smoothly. People are encouraged to take photos of what they're doing and of projects in order to post them.

### **PROGRAM:**

Joe Bassett did a great program on preparing for deployments. Thanks Joe!