

CLAY COUNTY ARES NOVEMBER 2016 MONTHLY MEETING

The Clay County ARES November 2016 meeting was held at the Clay County Emergency Operating Center, Green Cove Springs, FL. The meeting was opened by Scott Roberts who welcomed everyone, and introductions were made.

Adrian Gray gave a report of the state of ARES. New members were introduced and welcomed! We are still doing follow up from Hurricane Matthew. The Northeast Florida section will be doing follow-up. Our ARES club has gotten positive feedback from outside sources. If you have not yet seen Scott Roberts' segment on HAMNOW, please do.

There are a number of exercises coming up. Don't forget the 2 meter contest on November 5th! For the next year we will be polishing our message traffic, as well as using digital methods.

REPEATERS: Doing ok, no cases of deliberate interference at this time.

RAY COOK: Nothing new.

FINANCIAL: The financial report was given by Jim Winfrey. There is \$113.00 in checking, and \$601.70 in savings for a total of \$715.64.

GENERAL TOPICS:

Membership is up to 75 members! Membership sheets were given out to update information. If you have questions, please contact Scott Roberts.

ReadyAlert has gotten much better.

Nominations for Board member: Dave Smith and Dave Steiner, and ballots were passed out to the members.

Both Secretary and Treasurer positions were uncontested, and as a motion was made and seconded, Kasey Tate and Jim Winfrey remain in those positions.

We are still looking for a volunteer to be the Historian for the club. If anyone is interested, please contact either Adrian Gray or Scott Roberts.

Member badges – The Clay County EOC will be doing the member badges this year. Issuance will be a bit different than in prior years. The classification of a member is anyone who joins ARES. A deployable member is anyone who has taken the ICS 100 and 700, and this member can go some places, but not to a school or to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Deployable member to shelters and Sheriff's Office– this status includes the FBI Security test which is handled by Perry Ward, our liaison to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, and the background checks handled by John Ward of the EOC.

The next meeting will be December 6, 2016, at Journey Church, Jacksonville, Florida. This will be our Member Appreciation Dinner, the cost is \$10.00, payable at the door. It begins at 7:00 PM. Please try to make it this meeting as it always is a fun event!

TRAINING:

Joe Bassett presented training on prepping for deployment and debriefing on Hurricanes Hermine and Matthew.