

CLAY COUNTY ARES SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The Clay County ARES September 2017 meeting was held at the Pinewood Christian Academy, Orange Park, FL. The meeting was opened and everyone welcomed, introductions were made, and new members welcomed. Ken Amaro, reporter at First Coast News, was a special guest.

Adrian Gray gave a report of the state of ARES and specifically Hurricane Irma. The Crown District will begin their net on Wednesday morning for AEC's and EC's. Take emergency steps to procure water, gas, and go kits now!

PLEASE GET MONTHLY REPORTS IN ON TIME! There is a change in due dates for the reports. The month is now from the 26th – 25th.

There has been a Winlink update. You may attempt to send a message to Adrian to test.

Mark Fields – Volunteers are needed for Net Control. There will be training before becoming Net Control. Contact either Scott, Joe Bassett or Mark Fields for more information.

MEMBERSHIP - We are currently at 83 members!

FINANCIAL:

Checking - \$59.33
Savings – \$543.20,
TOTAL: \$602.53

GENERAL:

Trailer update:

The trailer has 4 new tires, new floor and a new license plate. Donations are needed for sanding, painting, and decals. Also, the generator and AC need to be checked out.

GETS CARD – We are now GETS qualified. This will allow you to make a call when all lines are busy. It's through Homeland Security. If interested, contact Scott Robert.

Also, WPS (Wireless Priority Service) is available.

PRIORITY – Make sure your family is safe and cared for before volunteering for deployment. **DO NOT SELF DEPLOY!** A ReadyAlert message will be sent out. When you are deployed, Joe Bassett will have a packet for each location. These are also available in PDF format. Activation procedures will be in the packet. Please account for each hour that you volunteer. **DO NOT POST PICTURES ON SOCIAL MEDIA!!!**

If you do not have a new Clay ARES ID, please check with Scott Roberts.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MS150 – October 14 & 15. Please contact Scott Roberts if interested in volunteering.

OP Fall Festival – October 21 & 22. Again, contact Scott Roberts if interested in helping with this event.

TRAINING: Joe Bassett demonstrated how GETS card works. It is 75 cents a minute, and you will have to justify your usage of the card.