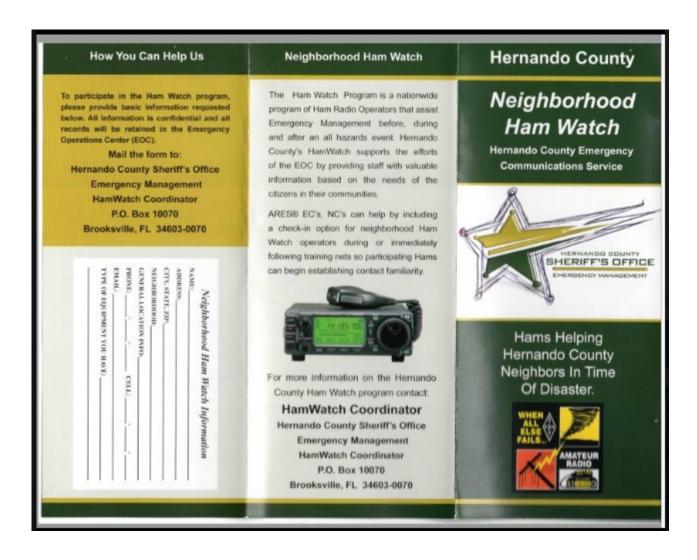
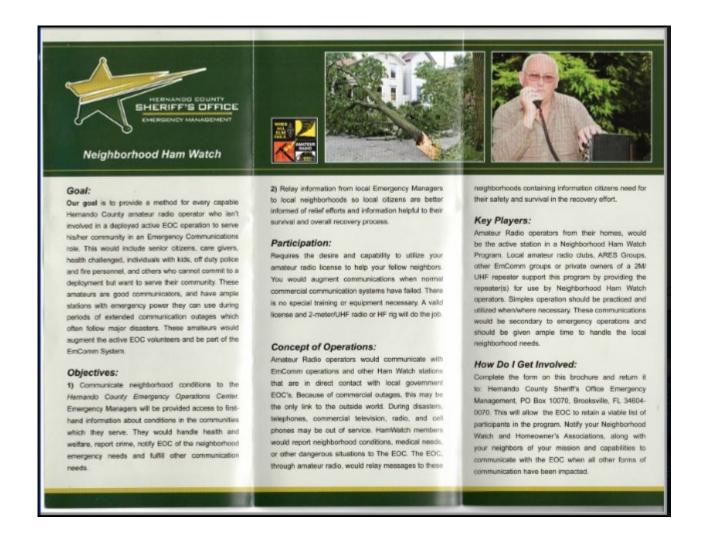
PILOT NEIGHBORHOOD HAM WATCH Alachua County ARES®

- Based on projects carried out in Hernando County, Florida, and several other communities across the USA
- Hernando County used the following brochure to recruit amateur radio operators to volunteer as communications possibilities between their neighborhoods and the county authorities in a time of emergency:





The Hernando brochure simply suggests that ham radio operators

Notify your Neighborhood Watch and Homeowner's Association, along with your neighbors, of your mission and capabilities to communicate with the EOC when all other forms of communication have been impacted.

Alachua County ARES® would suggest that where it seems appropriate, the amateur radio volunteer take a few additional steps:

1. Choose a radio communications system by which neighbors can communicate to you if the phones are out, without having to walk down the street in dangerous weather – suggestions would be using FRS/GMRS Channel 2, or one of the MURS channels. FRS radios are inexpensive to purchase, and require no license to use. Their range in a neighborhood is quite limited, but if your neighbors all know that you are monitoring Channel 2, an informal "relay" of information can increase the range to get problems forwarded to you.

- 2. If appropriate, after you have notified them/your HOA or other organization of your availability, consider walking through your immediate neighborhood, to visit your neighbors, introduce yourself to any who don't know you, answer any questions they might have, and make note of any obvious issues that might become significant should the electrical power go out, telephone service fail, and/or wind/rain damage occur. Note this sort of information for possible later informal "wellness checks" on a form similar to the one provided below --- but please keep it confidential.
- 3. In the event of a hurricane or other emergency/disaster, Alachua County ARES® and other radio amateurs will maintain an emergency net on local repeaters as shown in the following table. If you have a situation that needs attention, contact the Net Control Station through the emergency net and notify them of the problem. If your situation is a true emergency, simply break into the conversation with your emergency. If not quite so urgent, listen for requests for such notifications from the Net Control Station.
- 4. Thank you for your willingness to serve your community!

Amateur Radio Frequencies Likely To Be Monitored During Emergency Alachua County

Name	Frequency
K4GNV 2-meter repeater	146.820 MHz, - offset, 0.6 MHz, Tone 123
K4GNV 2-meter repeater	146.985 MHz, - offset, 0.6 MHz, Tone 123
North Florida ARES net	3.950 MHz Lower side band / alternate 7.242 / 7.247 MHz Lower side band
K4GNV / SARNET 70 cm state-wide	444.925 MHz, + offset, 5.0 MHz, No Tone

Neighborhood Canvas Results (please maintain confidentiality)

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(If more entries are needed, please photocopy or attach additional sheets)

Suggested card for distribution to explain to your neighbors

Neighborhood Radio Emergency Contact System
Hello! My name is and I am one of your neighbors who happens to be an FCC-licensed amateur radio operator. Our local volunteer group has a program to help provide emergency contact to the local authorities, should the telephones/power/cell service quit due to a hurricane or other emergency. Using my amateur radio equipment I can reach volunteers at the Emergency Operations Center and notify them of a situation or need if others means of communication are not working. You may contact me directly; also I will be monitoring the FRS (Family Radio Service) walkie-talkie Channel 2 during actual hurricanes or other emergencies. These widely available walkie-talkies require no license and have limited range, but in our neighborhood they may serve the purpose, so that you don't have to go out in the weather to report a problem that needs emergency help.
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