

# ARES/RACES @ RNC Tampa



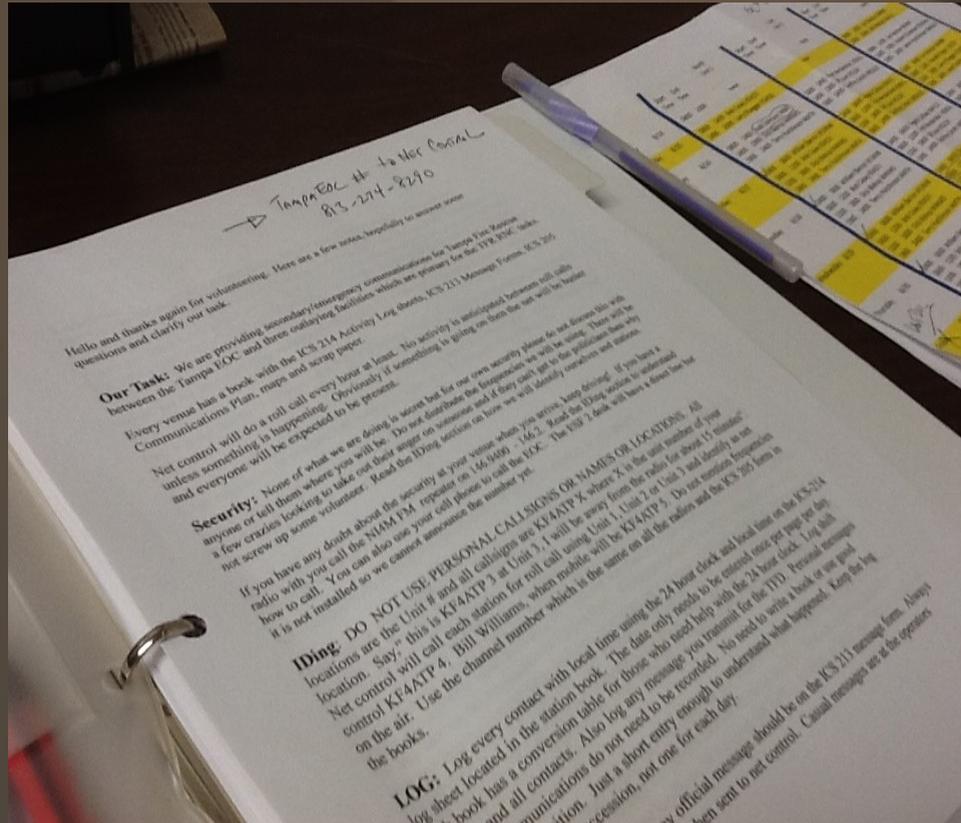
- RNC event
- Advance preparation
- Equipment
- The activation
- Good, bad, ugly

# RNC Event



- Scheduled from 8/27 – 8/30
- – Some advance events 8/25
  
- 2,286 delegates
- 2,125 alternates
- 15,000 press
  
- Event declared NSSE
- (National Special Security Event)  
– Tight security

# ARES advance planning



- EOC Meeting March 14, 2012
  - – staff 7 locations 24/7
  - – Hospital nets, Red Cross
  - – Fairgrounds, Fire, Police, etc
  - – All ARC clubs to spin-up, etc
- Tampa EOC meeting August 15
  - – County out; City in
  - – CERT hams only (no ARES)
  - – Most locations declared “radio-free-zones” by SS
  - – Staffing only EOC, TFR1&3, and training academy



# Personnel

- Manpower:
  - - 31 volunteers
  - - 8 SCC CERT volunteers

Ron Engles WZ2O

Bob Casey KE4CFJ

Bill Barron W1WAB

Doug Gatchell K4DGG

Dick Bishop W4NWD

Eileen Bishop AB9T

Bill Love W2LOV

Dotty Love W2DOT

Start Time	End Time	North Unit 1	Start Time	End Time	East Unit 2	Start Time	End Time	West Unit 3
0800	2000	none			none			none
0800	1400	Bob Casey KE4CFJ	0800	1400	Dale Gosney, KJ4YDI	0800	1400	Ian Renton W4RIR
1400	2000	Larry Ruegger KO4QS	1400	2000	Robert Chapman KK4GKH	1400	2000	Bill Metler KJ4FLK
0800	1400	Budd Johnson WB4J	0800	1400	Fred Hendershot N3BUL	0800	1400	Ian Renton W4RIR
1400	1900	Dick Bishop W4NWD	1400	1900	Eileen Bishop AB9T	1400	1900	Robert Chapman KK4GKH
1900	2400	Terry Hutchinson AK4TH	1900	2400	Geoffrey Smith WB3JUJ	1900	2400	Janet Hutchinson KM4JLH
2400	0600	William Barron W1WAB	2400	0600	Angelo Collazo KI4VLZ	2400	0600	Ian Renton W4RIR
0600	1200	Bob Casey KE4CFJ	0600	1200	Fred Hendershot N3BUL	0600	1200	Ronald Engles WZ2O
1200	1800	Dick Bishop W4NWD	1200	1800	Bill Love W2LOV	1200	1800	Larry Ruegger KO4QS
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# The advance scouting trip



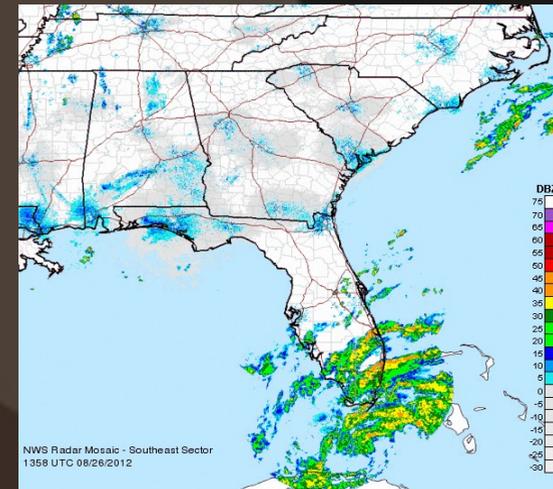
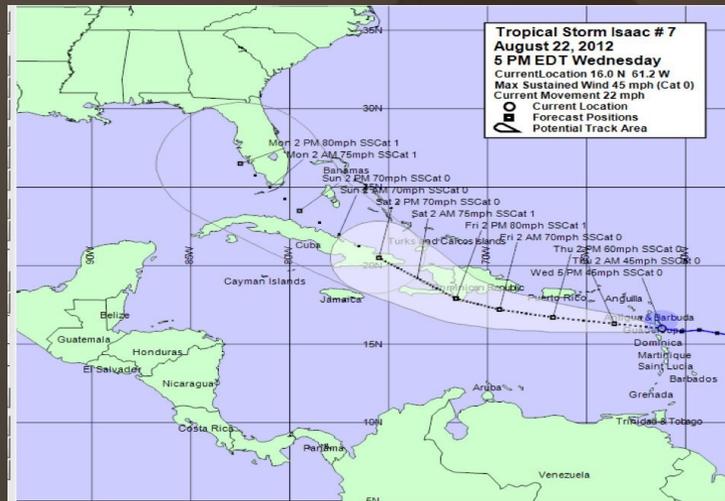
- August 23 scouting:
- Verify the route for road closures
  - Verify access to TFR1



# But other events .....



- Issac arrives:
  - – Monday RNC canceled but not ARES
  - – NWS requests support
  - – County EOC activates
  - – Ruskin shelter opens (WA4M)



Bill Barron W1WAB - 9/5/12

# Deploy!



NWS staff at Tampa EOC



Eileen Bishop AB9T @ TFR #1

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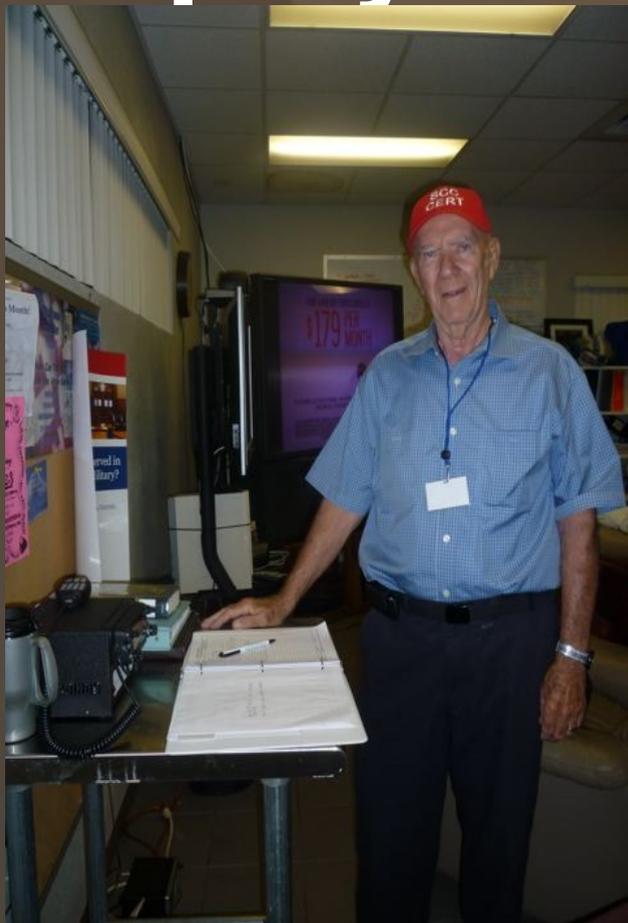
Bob Casey KE4CFJ @ TFR 1



Bill Barron W1WAB @ TFR #1

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# Deploy!



Ron Engles WZ2O @ TFR#3



Doug Gatchell K4DGG @ academy

# What did we really find?



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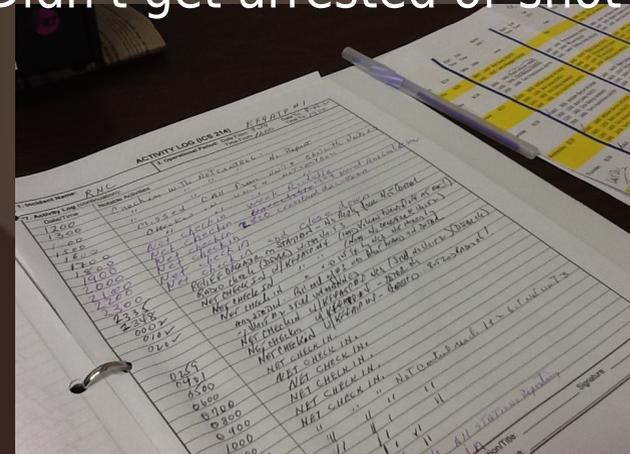


AB - 9/5/12

# What was good?



- Advance meetings
- Scouting trip
- Play with radio – secure messaging
- Schedule, maps, forms
- Helpful TFR staff
  - better Operating position
- No “Isaac” crisis
- No RNC crisis
- Didn't get arrested or shot



Bill Barron W1WAB - 9/5/12

# What was bad?



Maps were wrong  
No Badges!

No one on net except on-hour check  
- EOC direct line unanswered  
Noisy (and kinda dirty)

Dstar not accessible from EOC  
- finally went Dstar simplex

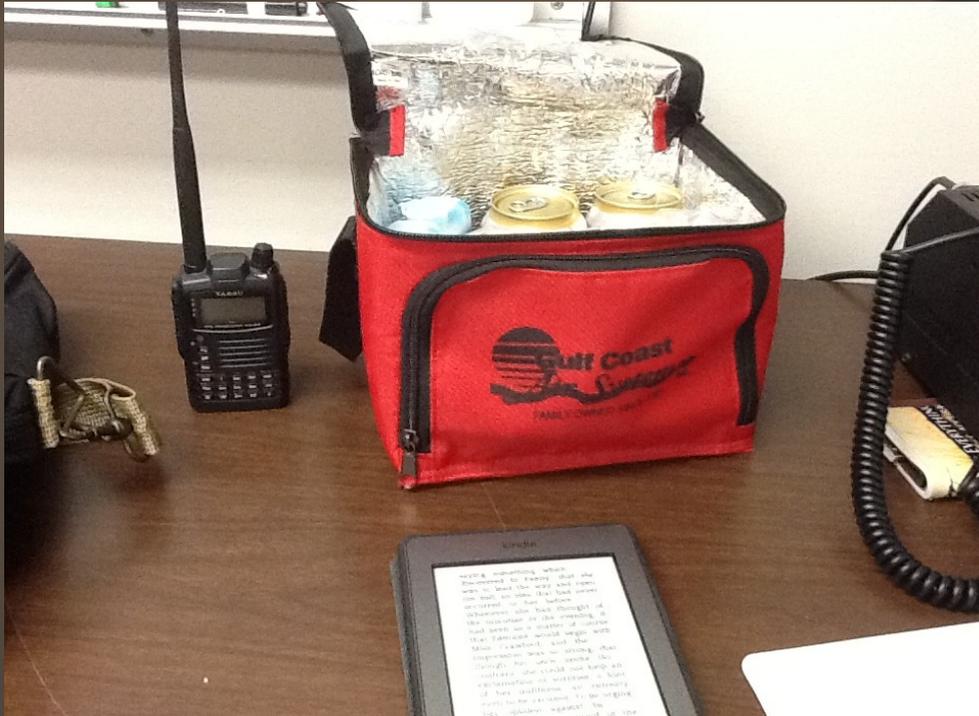
Long shifts (6 hours)  
No food



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# Lessons learned?



- Nets must be continuously run (if possible)
- Get proper ID's
- Only 'club' callsigns were used
- Bring comfort food, clothes, pillow
- Bring own HT, headphones
- Bring radio manual
- Expect multiple disasters!
  - do not commit all resources