



Hurricane Dorian Escambia County ARES After Action Report

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Summary

On Tuesday, September 3 at 0630 until Wednesday September 4 at 1600 (almost 33.5 hours), Escambia County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) was activated as per Northern Florida Section Emergency Coordinator for Hurricane Dorian operations.

- 7 Escambia County ARES operators and stations.
 - ARES room in the EOC was staffed by 5 ARES members at various times throughout the activation.
 - Homebased Stations were staffed by 5 ARES members at various times throughout the activation.
- Florida Emergency Net, consisting of the combined Northern, Southern and West-Central ARES nets, was activated on 3.950 MHz.
- National Hurricane Center Hurricane Dorian Net was activated on 7.268 MHz.
- Florida SARNet was activated. Escambia ARES was able to access the Net through the Milton repeater on 444.725 MHz.
- Florida Phone Traffic Net Active on 3.940 MHz.
- Sent four and received four Winlink messages via VHF local net: and sent two and received two Winlink messages to the State EOC via HF.
- ARES Connect was used to keep Escambia County ARES members notified and to ask for assistance. Two e-mails were sent to Escambia County ARES members by the ARES Connect system.
- Estimated 82 person-hours for the incident itself. 6 hours of planning and documentation including writing the after-action report. 88 person-hours total.

Radio Modes used

- Monitored and check-in the Statewide UHF net (SARNet) using the Milton repeater.
- HF voice: Operators checked-in and monitored the following Nets from the ARES room at the EOC and from various Homebased Stations
 - Northern Florida ARES Net and the Florida Emergency Net on 3.950 MHz.
 - National Hurricane Center Hurricane Watch Net on 7.268 MHz.
 - Florida Phone Traffic Net on 3.940 Mhz.
- Digital modes
 - APRS was monitored
 - VHF/HF Winlink messages were sent and received.

Public Service Activity Report

Nature of Activity (Check all that apply)

1. Exercises & Training

2. Public Service Events

3. Emergencies & Disasters

4a. Yes 4b. No Severe Weather / SKYWARN related

5. Places or areas involved:
Bahamas and Florida East Coast

6. Number of amateurs participating:	7
7. Event start date: (mm/dd/yy)	10/03/19
8. Event end date: (mm/dd/yy)	10/04/19
9. Duration of event: (hours)	33.5
10. Total person hours:	85.5

11. List spectrum used: **2m APRS, VHF FM, HF SSB, WINLINK HF/VHF**

Check type of agency:

12. Public Safety 13. Red Cross 14. National Weather Service

15. Emergency Management 16. Salvation Army 17. Other VOADS

18. List call signs of amateurs who were major participants:
KV4LY, KF4DVF, KB4HAH, N4XXO, KN4RLG, KI6MPA, KN4QLR

19. Name of amateur radio organization providing service:
Escambia County ARES

20. Location of organization:
Pensacola, FL

21. Name of person completing this report: **Harold Wilkinson**

22. Call sign: **KV4YL**

23. ARRL appointment (if any): **Esc Co. Emergency Coordinator**

24. Signature: (Please enter your full name) **Harold R Wilkinson**

I attest that the information provided above is complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

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