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This month we will discuss getting your 24/72 hour go-kit assembled and ready to go!

ARES GO-KIT Suggestions

Depending on the type of response that you plan to be able to provide, there are several configurations for your go kits. A Go-Kit configuration that would probably be used in this area for a typical deployment is outlined here.

There are two types of Go-Kits that every ARES member should endeavor to have ready. These are the 24 hour kit and the 72 hour kit. The 24 hour kit purpose is to provide the necessary operational equipment, working aids, and comfort items necessary to facilitate 24 hour operation. The 72 hour kit will have items in it that would be needed for an extended deployment in the case of a major disaster. This kit and the 24 hour kit are designed to augment each other.

The following list of items is suggestions for the two types of Go-Kits. Depending on your individual needs you would assemble your individual kits accordingly.

The 24 hour Go-Kit
Snack items and/or food bars, First aid kit, Sanitary items, Toilet paper, Hand wipes, Purell Hand Sanitizer, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Soap, Comb, Medications, Flashlight(s) Batteries, Rain Gear, Portable AM/FM radio, Notepad or legal pad(s), ARRL radiogram sheets, Writing instruments, ARES resource manual, Money - Paper and coin, Headset or earpiece for radio (s), Sunscreen, Insect repellent, Hat, ARES ID / copy of license, Callout list, Personal contact list, Local area frequency plan, Equipment manuals or cheat sheets, Multipurpose tool (Leatherman or Gerber), FRS or FRS/GMRS radios.

72 Hour Go-Kit
Change of Clothes, Shirts, Pants, Underwear, Socks, Storable food, MRE's, Food bars (Ex. MetRx), Travel Pillow, Sleeping bag and ground mat, Plastic trash bags (for wet clothes), Medications, Lantern,
Folding chair, One or two man tent, and Tarp.

Emergency Readiness Checklist

Here is a list I made for things to take in the car when being deployed to remote site to provide ham radio emergency communications. Go-kit - see above for contents. Make sure this includes radios (HTs and mobile rigs, ladder-line J-poles, connectors and adapters for power and antennas, connecting wires for power), instruction manuals for radios, printouts of critical ARES info like call-out list and frequency/repeater list, radiograms, paper and pens, flashlight and extra batteries. Water jug(s), Tool kit, coffee (may want inverter and coffee maker/filters/ground coffee), Sleeping bag or blanket, Towels, clothes, toiletries, canned food, umbrella, Power Supply (for radios) and DC power strip (in case site has power), Deep Cycle marine battery (in case power is out at site), Smaller gel-cell batteries, Trickle charger, 6-foot PVC pipe for use as J-pole antenna support, and Duct tape.

Remember that the above lists are just a suggestion, and should be modified to fit your needs in your area, or the area you will be traveling/going to.
I hope this has been an informative newsletter, and if you wish to have something put in one of the newsletters, send it to me at **KF5NIX@ARRL.NET** and I will find a way to incorporate it in.

If you have not done so yet, go to the ARRLSTX depot site listed below. **http://www.arrlstx.org/vault_area/vault_gateway/site_gateway/vault_gateway.php** there are several

items listed on the workbook there that many of you have already accomplished in the past, just use your best guess as to the date and I will approve them.

As I have mentioned before, if you complete any of the online courses send me a copy of the certificate so we will have it on file in case of an emergency so we know who we can call on.

You can get your workbook as well as other forms at the Milam County Ares website: **http://milamcountyares.weebly.com/**

Thank you,

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Rockdale – 146.760 – PL – 123, Milam ARC weekly net – Monday nights at 8:00 P.M.

Cameron – 147.020 – PL – 123, Milam County ARES net – Thursday nights at 7:00 P.M.

Davilla – 147.000 – PL – 123, Milam ARC nets – Last Monday of each month held here.

Milam ARES 2 Meter Data Repeater 145.030 Mhz This repeater is a simplex repeater with store and re-send software in the modem at the transceiver. This call sign is CAMRLY. The repeater is on the Milam County Communication Tower and uses the same antenna as the 147.020 repeater. That antenna is a db224 with 6db gain. It is approximately 150 feet AGL.

Wishing You and Your Family
a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
And a
HAPPY, HEALTHY and SAFE
NEW YEAR!