

Memorandum of Understanding Between

Nassau County Emergency Management

And

Nassau County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) is to document the relationship between Nassau County Emergency Management (NCEM) and Nassau County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES). The focus of this relationship is to provide emergency communications when and where it is needed in support of NCEM's mission. This memorandum will serve as a broad framework within which NCEM and ARES volunteer personnel will coordinate their respective roles.

NASSAU COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nassau County Emergency Management is responsible for managing emergency events within Nassau County. These events are managed from the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Coordinated responses to emergency events require a significant communications infrastructure. This infrastructure is largely in place but requires personnel to operate, administer, and maintain it. The Nassau County Information Technology (IT) department is responsible for some of this infrastructure, e.g., EOC telephones and internet services, however, a large portion of the infrastructure is outside the scope of the IT department. Nassau County Emergency Management desires to use ARES to provide operations, administration, and maintenance support for communications infrastructure, including but not limited to, communications equipment in the EOC, communications equipment at county emergency shelters, and communications equipment in the Nassau County emergency command trailer.

NASSAU COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nassau County ARES consists of amateur radio operators, licensed by the federal government, who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service when emergencies occur. It is ARES desire to assist NCEM with their emergency management responsibilities by providing emergency communications support however and wherever it is needed. In support of emergency events within the county, Nassau County ARES serves at the pleasure of NCEM.

METHODS OF COOPERATION

- A. Support Provided by ARES
 - a. As requested by NCEM, Nassau County ARES shall support NCEM operations by providing trained personnel to staff the EOC communications room, county emergency shelters, and NCEM command trailer for any declared emergency.
 - b. As requested by NCEM, Nassau County ARES personnel, approved by the county, shall transport the NCEM command trailer for deployment where it is needed.
 - c. Nassau County ARES shall support the maintenance and administration of communications equipment in the EOC communications room, county emergency shelters, and NCEM command trailer.
 - d. As requested by NCEM, Nassau County ARES shall support NCEM planned exercises such as hurricane drills.
 - e. As requested by NCEM, Nassau County ARES shall participate in NCEM training events.
 - f. Nassau County ARES shall strive to ensure their personnel have received National Incident Management System training.
- B. Support provided by NCEM
 - a. With advance notice and approval by NCEM, access will be provided to the EOC for Nassau County ARES to hold monthly organization meetings, hold training events, and to maintain and administer EOC communications equipment.
 - b. With advance notice and approval by NCEM, access will be provided to the Command Trailer for Nassau County ARES to hold training events, and maintain and administer its communications equipment. In addition, and with advance notice and prior approval by NCEM, access will be provided to the command trailer for ARES to transport and operate the trailer for emergency events and also for public awareness events.
 - c. Nassau County Emergency Management will facilitate access to county emergency shelters so that ARES can maintain and administer the associated emergency communications equipment.
 - d. When repairs or improvements are to be made to emergency communications equipment, NCEM shall provide funding (when available) for agreed upon equipment purchases.
 - e. Nassau County Emergency Management shall facilitate law-enforcement background checks for ARES members.

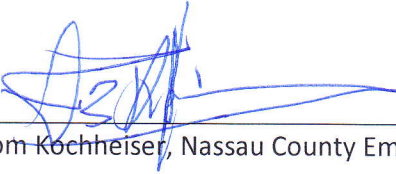
- f. Nassau County Emergency Management shall facilitate county approvals for ARES volunteers to transport the NCEM command trailer.

COMPENSATION

Nassau County ARES and NCEM agree to execute this MOU without any form of compensation between the organizations.

IMPLEMENTATION

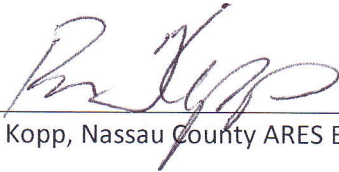
This MOU shall take effect upon signature by authorized officials of NCEM and ARES. It may be amended by mutual agreement in writing of both parties, and will remain in effect until terminated in writing. Nothing in this MOU will create any joint venture, partnership, or business association, nor shall either party enter into any obligation or commitment on behalf of the other.



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Date



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Date