

“To Serve the Public”

Nassau County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

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Greetings! This newsletter's purpose is to disseminate timely information to ARES personnel. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, simply email me at wf2t@arrl.net

2004 APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FOR RETURN

As you know, information changes and we are therefore required to re-apply for membership annually. An application form will be sent to you by mail whenever you request it. *Send the entire form back to George Gluck ASAP.* An ARES 2004 Card will be issued to you, and we will be able to update our Nassau County ARES records. You can fax it to 516-873-1743 or hand to George at a meeting or ham fest.

Please note: If at any time during a calendar year your information changes, such as your e-mail address or contact numbers, please be sure to notify us as well. To insure proper changes are made, fax the information to the above number or e-mail them to Jane K2JAN at k2jan@nyc.rr.com

You are expected to participate in the weekly nets and attend the monthly meetings. The Nassau County ARES nets are held Monday evenings at 8:00PM local time on **443.525/114.8 PL**. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (location to be announced on the weekly net).

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MONTHLY MEETING 2/10/04



The extremely well attended February Meeting contained an APRS presentation given by Charlie Alfano, WA2GUG. His excellent power point presentation was informative and included his personal interactions with the APRS authors, personal experiences, and “how to” tips to help operators on their way to deploying and enjoying APRS.

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FREEPORT VILLAGE EOC DRILL 2/19/04

On Thursday, February 19, 2004 the Village of Freeport EOC conducted a drill in which ARES participated. Following is an excerpt from the report submitted by Jim Mezey, W2KFV who was acting NCS for Freeport EOC:

Freeport Drill, Feb 19, 2004
0900-1200 Hrs

3 man hours, no equip (Freeport EOC has own equipment)

Summary:

This was a very large drill using all venues in the Village of Freeport including civilian evacuees. They also added a major police incident (Dirty bomb and hostage incident) into the picture that necessitated many changes including a fictional EOC move to the Village of Lynbrook. (Note: this is something that opened up my eyes to fact the all responding amateurs must bring their own equipment and not necessarily rely on EOC equipment in case EOC has to move its location).

- I made a point in the briefing that Amateur Radio was monitoring the 800Mhz. band at American Red Cross, and heard everything as it unfolded and was available for back up communication if so needed. We made a very positive impact on the Freeport Manager who was very happy with us and definitely recommended Amateur Radio to all. All in all it was a good exercise.

Recommendation:

- Program ICOM radio at Freeport to have all local repeaters plus alpha-numeric display of same.
- Make a field manual of some type for all EOCs when practical advising members of equipment, if any, and items they may want to include in their Go Kits for each EOC.

73s...de...Jim, W2KFV

MEETING CALENDAR

ARES Meetings will be held at the Red Cross Chapter at 195 Willis Avenue Mineola, at 7:30 pm, on the second Tuesday of each month unless changed by information on the weekly net. The date of the next meeting is March 9th.

3/09/04 ARES Deployment Update, by WF2T. How will we deploy at the next event, based on what we've learned? What frequencies should I monitor? What should I do?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events this calendar year are as follows:

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| • Suffolk ½ Marathon | March 28 th | Suffolk Comm. College |
| • March of Dimes | April 25 th | Long Beach & Glen Cove |
| • Long Island Marathon | May 2 nd | Eisenhower Park |
| • Field Day | June 26 th , 27 th | |
| • Gold Coast Bike Tour | July '04 | |
| • Ocean to Sound Relay | Sept '04 | Oyster Bay |
| • Simulated Emergency Test | Oct '04 | ARC Mineola |
| • American Diabetes Walk | 10/24/04 | Eisenhower Park |
| • Mineola Mustang Run | Nov '04 | Mineola Middle School |
| • NYC Marathon | Nov' 04 | |

MISCELLANEOUS

Skywarn Training is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2004 – Location to be determined. More information will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

Nassau County Traffic Net meets daily at 7:30pm on the 146.805 Repeater. All ARES members are encouraged to practice message handling on this training net.

If you have any contributions for the ARES website, please send them to joseph.reekie@verizon.net.

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“Aren't you GLAD winter's almost over?”