

# 2015 Florida Statewide Hurricane Exercise Player Handout – ESF2 NFL ARES



## Exercise Schedule

Tentative May 19, 2015

0900 AM	<p>“Exercise” Start</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activate local ARES and EmComm Groups</li> <li>• Deploy ARES members to served agencies (two minimum)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARES members contact served agency POC, report back what comm systems available; location and POC; communicate as needed</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECs report deployment, locations, POC, comm status to Section Emergency Coordinator</li> </ul>
1200 PM	<p>Secure deployed personnel</p> <p>End of exercise</p>

## Exercise Summary

### General

The purpose of this handout is to provide Florida Statewide Hurricane exercise players with the information required for them to participate effectively in the exercise as ARES EmComm providers. Players are encouraged to ask questions concerning their roles, responsibilities and rules of exercise play.

### Exercise Objectives

The following objectives focus on evaluating emergency response procedures, identifying areas for improvement, and achieving a collaborative attitude. This exercise will focus on the following two objectives:

- **Communications** – Assess the ability to establish and maintain multi-disciplinary communications networks during a response to a Hurricane incident.
- **Hurricane Preparedness** – Determine the capability and adequacy of plans for responding to a potential Category 3 Hurricane landfall . This includes issues of preparedness, resource management, and information control.

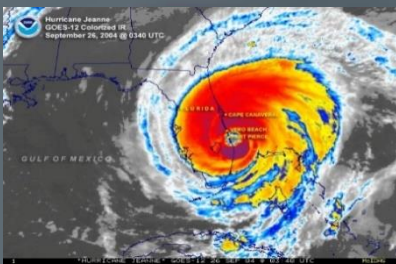
## Player Guidelines

### During the Exercise

- Respond to exercise events and information as if the emergency were real, unless otherwise directed by ARES Leadership
- **Have fun! Work with your cohorts!! Think creatively!!!**

### After the Exercise

- Participate in the informal debriefing with your local group
- Assess local group needs, individual needs and amend/modify your plans as necessary.



# General Information

## Exercise Participant Information

Players should work in accordance with staffing procedures according to their local plans

- **Players** are personnel who have an active role in responding to the simulated emergency and perform their regular roles and responsibilities during the exercise. Players initiate actions that will respond to the simulated emergency. Use resources contained in you local plan and the Northern Florida Section Communications Plan.
- **Evaluators** will be observing the exercise to ascertain if how and if the objectives are met. They are chosen on the basis of their expertise in the functional area(s) they have been assigned to review during the exercise and their familiarity with local emergency response procedures.
- **Reporting Forms** should be ICS compliant (ICS SitRep, ICS Comm Plan, ICS Message forms)
- **Communications Modes** should be primarily RF Based – not internet dependent (although D-RATS, Winlink2K, others should be tested during the exercise). Prior event history demonstrates internet independent needs are important to determine for local use.
- **Power Sources** should be battery/generator based, independent from commercial mains. Again, historical data suggests testing communications with portable, independent means of power to assess needs.
- **Field Location testing** is a must for this exercise! It will allow local areas to assess capacity and capability.



## Participants

NFL Section ARES  
Police/Sheriff Departments  
Fire Departments  
Public Works  
Public Utilities  
Public information  
Shelters  
Red Cross  
Salvation Army  
Local EOCs  
Emergency Management

## Other Organizations

Communications  
Hospitals  
Shopping Malls  
Local School Boards  
Universities and Colleges