

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE AND HAM RADIO EVENT



WHO: YOU AND THE ALFORD MEMORIAL RADIO CLUB, DEKALB EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND THE DEKALB COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE.

WHAT: Field Day serves as an emergency preparedness exercise involving several DeKalb County agencies and NGOs. It is also a fantastic opportunity for amateur ham radio enthusiasts to gather, meet, and expand their readiness to serve their community. During the exercise,

amateur radio operators will attempt to contact hundreds of radio stations across the United States and Canada. The primary goal of these exercises is to practice alternative communications in the event of a catastrophic communications failure.

WHEN: Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. continuously until 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 23, 2024.

WHERE: Pleasantdale Park, 3650 Pleasantdale Road Atlanta, GA 30340.

What is Amateur Radio? Often called “Ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it has grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of radio communications technology. Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data, and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems. The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum reserved for development and experimentation of wireless communications. Hams not only can make and modify their equipment but have often created whole new ways to do things. **To be a Ham, you have to get a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license. The people at Field Day can help you with getting yours.**

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

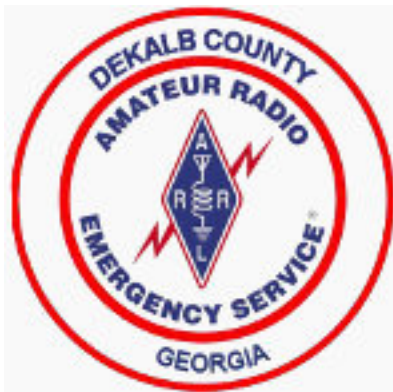
How can you volunteer to help your county in an emergency situation? Join these groups:



DeKalb County Emergency Management Volunteer Emergency Response Team.

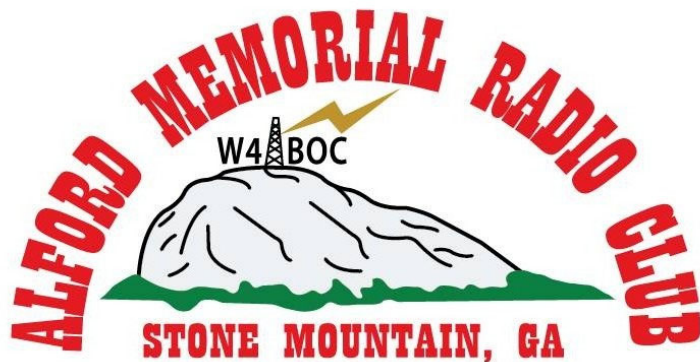
The DeKalb volunteer response team consists of three DeKalb County organizations serving the DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency (“DEMA”), the Community Emergency Response Team (“CERT”), the Fire Rescue Reserve, and the DeKalb County chapter of the Medical Reserve Corps. These three citizen groups provide trained volunteers to respond to emergency situations.

www.dekalbcountyga.gov/dema/dekalb-emergency-management-agency



DeKalb County Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

www.dekalbares.org The DeKalb County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, The National Association for Amateur Radio. DeKalb ARES members are licensed radio amateurs who have voluntarily committed to serve when disaster strikes. DeKalb ARES provides communications support on a voluntary basis to Public Safety, Public Health, and other community organizations. Its commitment is to be a ready resource of trained communicators to serve, when and where needed. DeKalb ARES is committed to support the DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency (“DEMA”) as its primary served agency.



Alford Memorial Radio Club. www.totr-radio.org

The Alford Memorial Radio Club (AMRC), also known as the Stone Mountain Radio Club, serves the DeKalb County region. AMRC is a group of licensed Amateur Radio operators who “do radio” as a hobby and also as a service to the community. AMRC provides radio repeater stations that serve the entire Metro area from the top of Stone Mountain and other sites. **These**

stations provide communication coverage throughout the county and much of North Georgia. They are available as a last resort when all other modes of communication fail.