

MERT



Marion County Emergency Radio Team

Invitation to Join

Marion County Emergency Radio Team (MERT) invites all FCC HAM licensees or individuals interested in Amateur radio to
.....Join!

What is MERT?

MERT was established by the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to provide supplemental communications support to areas such as Shelters, Healthcare Facilities, Points of Distribution, area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) communities along with other local/regional groups during times of disasters.

Members operate HAM radios and assist with moving voice, data and video communications between various local agencies and remote facilities about storm conditions, resource needs and important reports/requests.

MERT personnel are licensed HAM radio operators having Technician, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra FCC licenses from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Members have also received training and certification on protocols of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that are administered locally by the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Division of Emergency Management.



MERT volunteers meet weekly/monthly to review procedures, receive ongoing technical training along with receiving guidance on official operational instructions.

Its operations and primary radio communications facility is located at the MCSO Emergency Operations Center at 692 NW 30th Ave, Ocala, FL.

For more information and an application joining MERT, visit:

<http://www.marionso.com/emergency-management-volunteering>

More MERT information at: <https://www.kg4nxx.com/contact/>