

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 the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and 15 School Shelters throughout Marion County. Support during emergencies is also provided to major Medical Facilities/Hospitals, the Mobile Command Center (MCC), Points of Distribution (PODs), area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) communities along with other local/regional groups during times of disasters.

MERT uses amateur radios and assist with moving voice, data and image communications between various local agencies and remote facilities about storm conditions, resident medical response needs and important reports and/or requests for assistance.

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 698 NW 30th Ave, Ocala, FL. More MERT information at: <https://www.kg4nxx.com/contact/>

For more information and an application to join MERT, visit:

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