

MERT

Marion County Emergency Radio Team



Marion County Sheriff's Office
Division of Emergency Management

Invitation to Join

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

Who is MERT?

MERT was established by the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Division of Emergency Management to provide on-site amateur radio volunteer emergency communications (EMCOMM) support to all public Shelter locations when opened during declared emergencies.

Members are assigned specific sites and remain on duty to pass emergency messages from the Shelter Manager to and from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) should telephone, cellular voice and Internet services fail. Shelters are normally open from 1 to 3 days.

Members operate MCSO provided HAM radios and assist with passing voice, data and image communications between Shelters, local agencies, medical centers & CERT communities about storm conditions, resource needs and vital reports/requests to the EOC Incident Commander.

MERT personnel are amateur radio operators having valid licenses from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Members have been MCSO vetted and completed extensive training and certification on the Incident Command System (ICS) procedures of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which are administered locally by the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Division of Emergency Management.



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

The operations and primary radio communications facility is located at the MCSO Emergency Operations Center at 698 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>