

MERT

Marion County Emergency Radio Team

2024

Florida SARnet

Purpose, Importance, Participation Schedule & Procedures

Purpose:

The **Statewide Amateur Radio Network (SARnet)** is the only system in the U.S. simultaneously linking dozens of amateur radio repeaters across the entire state. This is accomplished via a Florida Dept. of Transportation (FDOT) microwave network connecting dozens of local amateur radio repeaters in creating a "State Wide Ham Net".

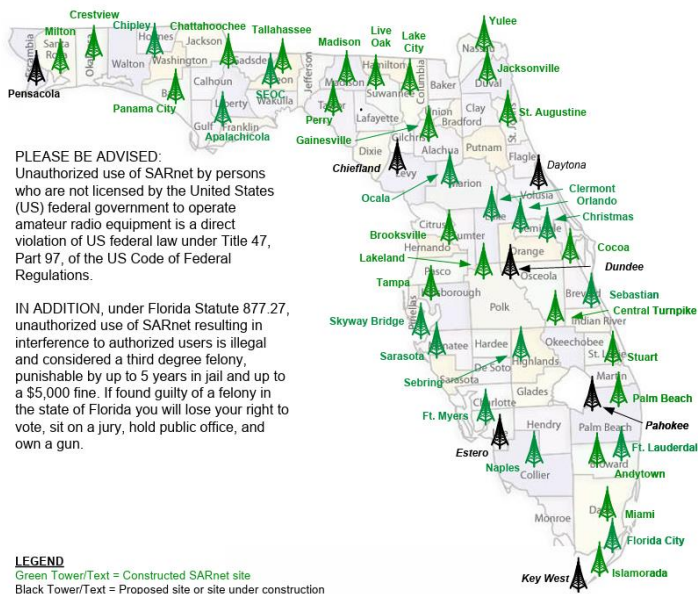
Simply, any communications on any repeater... is heard on the NET across the **entire State of Florida**.

This one-of-a kind capability permits critical Emergency Communications (EMCOMM) from any County EOC to any other County EOC along with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FEDM) in Tallahassee, FL during emergency events. (For more information, visit: <http://www.sarnetfl.com/> .)

[Note: Communications from any licensed amateur radio operator is also permitted in limited and very specific circumstances.]

6	Counties & Operators	Call-Signs
7	STATE EOC	KA4 EOC
8	Amy	WX4 DEM
9	Ian	KN4 DPM
10	Bob	N4 RGL
11	Michael	WX4 SPA
12	Woody	KN4 VVK
13	Taylor	KN4 WVW
14	Todd	KN4 FCC
15		
16	Florida Comms Unit	N4 FCU
17	Thomas	N2 ENC
18	Jason	K4 AUS
19	Sean	N4 KVL
20	Julio	KK4 KMO
21	Jamie	W4 CGX
22		
23	Nat. Hur. Ctr.	WX4 NHC
24	John	K4 AG
25		
26	FL Dept of Rev	
27	Pat	K4 DUE
28	Steve	AD4 E
29		
30	Section ECs	
31	Arc Thames (NFL)	W4 CPD
32	WCF section	
33	Bill Johnson (WCF)	N4 NOA
34	SFL section	

Statewide Amateur Radio Network "SARNET"
Constructed Sites as of September 10, 2023
YOU MUST BE A FEDERALLY LICENSED AMATEUR
RADIO OPERATOR WITH A CALLSIGN TO USE SARnet



The weekly Net includes multiple state and federal agencies joining the county EOC's.

SARnet covers the entire State of Florida using the FDOT microwave network as its backbone. The Ocala repeater is on 70 cm frequency 444.025 MHz, PL tone 123.0 Hz.

EMCOMM Resource Importance:

MERT defines access to this network as a **critical resource** which is vital during any emergency event. As a result, participation in the weekly Net each Wednesday is essential to conduct and participate in. Additionally, MERT personnel will receive annual training on its background and operation.

MERT Authorized Operators:

There are currently four (4) Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Division of Emergency Management authorized Operators:

Leon Jurczynsyn - K8ZAG

Bill Gillespie - KW5BG

Bill Sobel - K1WLS

Harlan Cook - KN4VRM

Net Schedule and Repeater:

The SARnet Net Control Operator (NCO) conducts a roll call directed Net acknowledging specific Florida governmental agencies, federal agencies and all County EOCs weekly each Wednesdays at 1300 hours (1:00 PM). The Ocala repeater frequency is at 444.025 MHz with PL tone 123.0 Hz.

SARnet Net Procedure:

The weekly exercise begins at 1300 hours with the SARnet NCO opening announcement then begins the Net following a script calling specific governmental agencies to check in. Afterwards, the SARnet NCO calls each Florida County EOC for check in.

Marion County EOC Script

When the SARnet NCO calls "Marion County", the commonly accepted reply follows:

"This is the Marion County EOC, call sign KG4NXO (Kilo-Golf-4-November-Xray-Oscar). Operator is (in english) _____ (first name phonically) _____. License is (in english) _____ (then license number phonetically) _____. Additional Operators at the EOC are (license in english) _____ (license number phonetically) _____. (two maximum can be recognized).

I have no traffic for the Net. KG4NXO Clear."

SARNET OPERATOR SCHEDULE

For the MERT Operator schedule, visit the website: <https://kg4nxo.com/qklink/> for the current "SARnet Operator Schedule".