



# 2025 Annual Activities Calendar

Feb. 2025

Marion County Emergency Radio Team

January	February	March	April	May	June
7 <sup>th</sup> - VHF & HF Propagation Chart Review	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> - Coaxial Cable Basics Part 1, 2 & 3	5 <sup>th</sup> - <b>SHREK Kit Audits</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 MERT req'd for CERT Exercise on 19th	7 <sup>th</sup> - <b>SHREK Exercises -Active Radio Practices</b>	Hurricane Season
7 <sup>th</sup> - MERT ID Badge Information Update	12 <sup>th</sup> - Why MERT uses Winlink Messages	5 <sup>th</sup> - Why MERT has Wkly Nets?	2 <sup>nd</sup> - MERT Interoperability Vision Statement	14 <sup>th</sup> - Personal GO KIT Basics Class	<b>EOC Radio Room &amp; Tower Training</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> - Why MERT has Wkly Nets?	19 <sup>th</sup> - Marion Co & NFL Winlink Digipeater/Gateway Review	5 <sup>th</sup> - MCC RF Exposure Analysis Review	2 <sup>nd</sup> - MERT EOC Tower Lowering Procedures & Inspection Class	14 <sup>th</sup> - ICS-213 Message Practice	ICS-213 Message Practice
<b>18<sup>th</sup> – MERT Annual Meeting</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> - WINLINK Message Day	12 <sup>th</sup> – SHELTER Test Practice Class	22 <sup>nd</sup> - WINLINK Message Day		Where are ICS Fillable Forms?
22 <sup>nd</sup> - EOC Security Procedures Review	Need Volunteers for Marion County Days in March	19 <sup>th</sup> - <b>NO Check In Meeting</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> - 2025 Solar Peak Year & HF Impacts		ICS-214 and ICS-309 Form Practice
22 <sup>nd</sup> – What is and why is <b>ICS</b> important?	Training Skill Book Classes	26 <sup>th</sup> - MCC Review & Tests	Training Skill Book Classes	RED BOOK - IC Guide Review	Training Skill Book Classes
Shelter Audits Planning Committee	Shelter Audits Planning Committee	26 <sup>th</sup> - NVIS Antenna & HF Contacts Exercise	29 <sup>th</sup> - SHREK Kit Manual Review	28 <sup>th</sup> – MCC Review & Tests	
SOG Update Committee	SOG Updates Due	26 <sup>th</sup> - SOG Review - Updates sent to DEM			Understanding <b>SHARES</b>
MERT 20 Planning Committee	MERT 20 Planning Committee	MERT 20 Planning Committee			
<b>Special Events:</b>					
	4-6 <sup>th</sup> – AUXCOMM Class @ Hamcation	1-3 <sup>rd</sup> - Outdoor Expo or Boat Show	2 <sup>nd</sup> - MERT Field Day/HF NVIS Exercise – SW Marion Co - Ross Prairie State Park	<b>MERT Repeater Site Inspections</b>	4th - MERT Field Day/HF NVIS Exercise – NE Marion Co - Salt Springs
	5 <sup>th</sup> - SKYWARN™ Spotter Class @ 6 PM	17-21 <sup>st</sup> - MCPS <b>Shelter Audits</b> - Spring Break	4th - Sheriff's Appreciation Dinner ★		
	<b>7-9<sup>th</sup> – Orlando Hamcation</b>	Marion County Days & Fair	12 <sup>th</sup> - ARES State Exercise (9 am to Noon)		Marion County EOC Hurricane Preparation Workshop
	15 <sup>th</sup> - <b>Florida Youth Ranch</b> Support by MERT – Meet @ EOC by 7 AM		19 <sup>th</sup> – <b>CERT Countywide Drill 8 am Check In</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> - MERT 20 Special Event Exercise	
			28/29 <sup>th</sup> – ARRL Annual Field Day		
		MCC Testing	MCC Testing	MCC Testing	

July	August	September	October	November	December
Hurricane Season	Hurricane Season	Hurricane Season	Hurricane Season	Hurricane Season	<b>No Monthly Meeting</b>
Why MERT has Wkly Nets?	<b>Reviewing website KG4NXO.com</b>	Why MERT has Wkly Nets?	MERT Radio Day - EOC		
EOC Security Procedures Review	Marion Co & NFL Winlink Digipeater/Gateway Review				
SHREK Exercises - Active Radio Practices	Activation Plan - HF Redundancy	Activation Plan - HF Redundancy			
Simplex Testing – A New EM Plan	Simplex Testing – A New EM Plan	Simplex Testing – A New EM Plan			
Understanding FDEM Weather Updates	Training Skill Book Classes		Training Skill Book Classes		
<b>Special Events:</b>					
2 <sup>nd</sup> - MERT Field Day/HF NVIS Exercise – NW Marion Co - NW 160 <sup>th</sup> /NE 220 Ave		3 <sup>rd</sup> - HF NVIS Exercise @ EOC			6-7 <sup>th</sup> - Silver Springs Radio Club Hamfest
		? - The Great Shakeout Exercise			