

**ALACHUA DISTRICT STATE WIDE HURRICAN EXERCISE PLANNING
SCOPE**

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DIMENSION	LIMITATIONS
Kinds of Exercise Participants	Primarily ARES-associated licensed amateur radio operators with prior training but flexible enough to allow untrained amateur radio operators to join, either as participants or as evaluators; EOC personnel from the Emergency Manager's office where possible; local Red Cross personnel where possible; Ebbin Spellman of Shands Hospital.
Geographic Area	Physical locations limited to Red Cross Gainesville Office Alachua County EOC Maximum of 2 Shelter sites: Newberry Sports Complex and Gainesville Senior Citizens Center Shands Hospital specific sites to be determined; Safe inside location on top floor of Ayers Building
Number of Participants	Not any real limitation on the number of amateur radio operators. Need 1 observer/ evaluator per geographic site; these can be local hams or citizens with relatively little training who will fill out clipboard checklists of communications successes and issued encountered.
Responder Functions	Communication of messages of several different kinds is the bottom line outcome, with process measurement of intermediate functions to achieve the end-goal of communications.
Hazard Type	Hurricane/Tornado severe weather event, with loss of normal cell phone / telephone / Internet / 700-800 MHz police/fire systems, and widespread loss of conventional power.

REFERENCE: Florida Hurricane Exercise Helps ARES Plan, Prepare for 2015 Hurricane Season, Accessed at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/florida-hurricane-exercise-helps-ares-plan-prepare-for-2015-hurricane-season>