

Columbia County ARES/NF4CA

Hurricane Idalia

August 29/31, 2023

After Action Report/Improvement Plan

WRITTEN September 2023



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HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Points of Contact:

Columbia County ARES(R):

Name: Brad Swartz
Emergency Coordinator
FCC License: N5CBP

Name: Matt Haywood
Deputy Emergency Coordinator
FCC License: K4CPZ

Governor DeSantis' Press Conference at Columbia EOC



Governor DeSantis addresses the press and the EOC



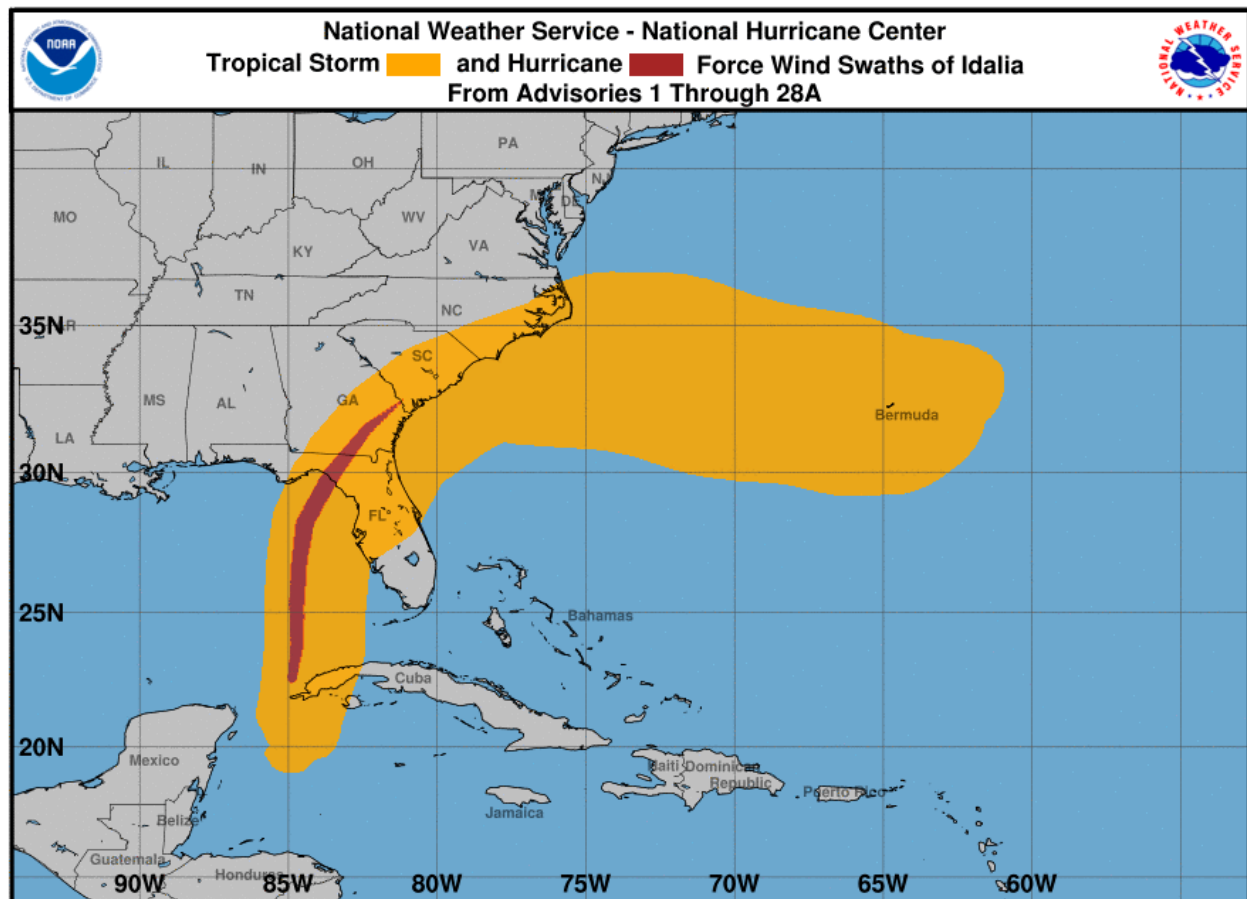
Director Shayne Morgan and Sheriff Mark Hunter listen to the Governor



Director Morgan speaks to the citizens of Columbia county setting expectations for the storm, Identifying the shelters that will be open, and encourages those in low lying areas to go to one of the shelters.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Idalia Wind Field History

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) typically organizes at the County Level and upward. There are two amateur radio clubs in Columbia County that support the ARES® mission, the Columbia Amateur Radio Society, and Columbia County ARES.

Columbia County “Hams” have a history of working with Columbia County Emergency Management. This incident had four that have served the county previously. Idalia was projected to hit our county hard so a few of our volunteers opted to stay at their home.

Idalia became a tropical storm as it meandered southeast of Cuba then turning more NNE through the Gulf off the west coast of Florida. She gained Category 1 Hurricane status over the warm gulf waters and increased to a Category 4 Hurricane before making landfall in the Big Bend region of Florida. This track placed Columbia County on the East side of the storm bringing winds at 40-60 mph and dumping 1-3 inches of rain.

Five shelters were opened and had a total of 87 residents during the storm until they were able to return home.

Individual shelters were closed as shelter guests returned to their home. By Friday only one shelter remained open to serve the public. It was closed on Friday when the last of the guests were able to safely return to their home. The ARES volunteers stood down by around 1700 hours on Thursday.

The full Hurricane Idalia incident commenced at 0900 Local on Tuesday August 29th, and the ARES team were cleared completely by 1700 Local on Thursday August 31st.

Major Strengths

The major strengths identified during this incident are as follows:

- Five ARES members volunteered to support the incident.
- Three operators were assigned locations, one at the special needs shelter and two at the EOC radio room.
- Two of the team at the EOC were assigned to cover different shifts with some overlap.
- The shelter operator was out of town on a work assignment and was able to return to Lake City and set up at the shelter by 1930 hours.
- Two others volunteered for after the storm passed. One was able to deploy and the other sustained damage at their residence and was unable to deploy.
- Operators gained valuable experience and training by participating in this incident.
- The EOC generator came on when the mains failed providing the use of emergency power.
- Winlink email was set up and confirmed by sending and receiving email to the Alachua County EOC via radio only using VHF peer to peer Vara FM. Both text and a photo were sent.
- When cell phone service between the special needs shelter and the EOC was not reliable, we were able to provide communication between shelter staff and Florida Department of Health Services assisting in several matters.
- At the request of FDEM Regional Coordinator, Glen Hammers, we were able to establish communication with Suwannee County EOC. Also at his request we were able to deliver a message the Gilchrist County Emergency Manager.
- At the request of Red Cross we attempted to contact the EOC at Madison and Taylor counties. Contact was made with a Ham in Madison but not the EOC and Taylor repeater did not respond.
- Information flow between our shelter to the EOC and back flowed quickly and smoothly.
- We operated on VHF for local communication, UHF SARNet was available for communication with the state EOC, and two HF bands including 80 and 40 meters were used for state wide communications.
- The ARES group continues to gain experience and acceptance with the county staff.

Primary Areas for Improvement

- Develop more understanding about the EOC system works.
- Develop communication and relationships with other county's Emergency Coordinators.
- We continue to need to get more people involved to serve the county during emergencies.
- Training with ARES volunteers with ICS forms, Radiograms and Winlink..

This document is prepared in order to help our group improve our emergency communications deployment abilities, and to assist those who will be volunteering for the next incident.



Mike Corbett, N9MC had siding torn from one of his buildings during the Hurricane.



Rick Palm, K1CE had a tree fall on his truck.

SECTION 1: INCIDENT OVERVIEW

Incident Details

Incident Name

Hurricane Idalia August 2023

Type of Incident

Full Scale Incident

Incident Start Date

August 29, 2023

Incident End Date

August 31, 2023

Duration

56 hours

Location

Columbia County Emergency Operation Center radio room, Westside Elementary School, Westside Community Shelter, Ft White Community Shelter, Richardson Community Shelter and Winfield Community Shelter.

Sponsor

Columbia County ARES, a component of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL)..

Program

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Mission

Communications Support

Capabilities

VHF local and HF local, state and national communications, analog voice,

Radio Email to anywhere, via WINLINK

Scenario Type

Natural disaster, Category 4 Hurricane

Incident Planning Team

Brad Swartz, N5CBP

Participating Organizations Columbia County, Florida

Columbia County Emergency Management

Columbia County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Columbia County Board Of County Commissioners

Columbia County Property Appraiser

American Red Cross

Florida Division of Emergency Management

Columbia County Health Department

Columbia County School System

Columbia County Extension Office

Florida Highway Patrol

United Way of Suwannee Valley

Century Ambulance

Columbia County Fire Rescue

Number of Participants

- ARES Players - 4

SECTION 2: INCIDENT RESPONSE DESIGN SUMMARY

Incident Response Purpose and Design

The primary purpose for Columbia County ARES is to support the residents of Columbia County primarily through Colombia County Emergency Management.

Locations

The EOC radio room, one shelter, Westside Elementary School, was staffed by ARES. Four other shelters opened were Winfield Community Center, Westside Community Center, Richardson Community Center, and Ft White High School.

Call sign utilized was

NF4CA

which is the call sign of the Columbia County ARES Club. During this incident, we used personal calls for local communication and NF4CA on HF when communicating with the North Florida ARES Emergency Net.

Incident Command System / Leadership

We organized our effort using Incident Command System principles, and primarily using ICS forms 204, 205, 213, 214, and 309. Volunteers were recruited by Brad Swartz. The Incident Commander was Shayne Morgan, Director, Columbia County Emergency Management. ARES leaders were, Brad Swartz EC and Matt Haywood, Deputy EC.

OBJECTIVES

No.	Item
1	Alert Columbia ARES Members of Activation Status including Response needed.
2	Serve Columbia County Emergency Management by providing reliable communication between the EOC and the open shelters.
3	Volunteers to gain experience and work together in a live incident.
4	Provide information to the Emergency Management director accurately and in a timely fashion.
5	Increase the familiarity of our volunteers with the ICS system
6	Be as courteous and supportive of other volunteers participating in the incident as possible
7	Establish communications via Amateur and SHARES frequencies with State Emergency Nets

Timeline Summary

0800 August 25, 2023 Received an email from Emergency Management about the potential storm that could be coming our way.

1115 August 28, 2023: Columbia EC, Brad Swartz sat in on the State EOC briefing in Director Morgan's office. Returned at 1700 for the 1715 briefing. The County Commission declared a Local State of Emergency at 1400 and the EOC is going to Level 2 at 1200 on the following day. Prepared the EOC room with Shayne Morgan and Shane Overstreet in preparation for the 0900 briefing with all the partners and the Governor's visit on Tuesday.

0845 August 29, 2023: Brad Swartz arrived at the EOC for the full partner briefing and began to prepare the radio room and ICS Forms for the incident.

1345 August 29, 2023: Press briefing in the Columbia County EOC room with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

1930 August 29, 2023: Special Needs Shelter station checked in with the EOC on the VHF net.

1045 August 31, 2023 Emergency Management Director advised we could begin to shut down as soon as the Special Needs Shelter was closed. Mike Harding, KN4YGT departed at 1400.

SECTION 3: ANALYSIS OF OBJECTIVES / RESULTS

No.	Item	Outcome	Recommendations
1	Alert ARES members of the need to provide support and receive a response	S About 30% of those messaged responded	
2	Provide an operator for the EOC	P	
3	Provide an operator for each open shelter, hospital, and POD	U We were only able to staff the special needs shelter	
4	When needed, provide a Net Control Station operator	NA	
5	Provide a relief operator for the EOC	P	
6	Provide a relief operator for each open shelter, hospital, and POD	S A relief was provided after the storm passed for a 2 hour break	
7	When needed, provide a Net Control Station relief operator	NA	
8	Serve Columbia County Emergency Management by providing reliable voice communication between the EOC and the staffed locations.	P VHF voice comms were good between the special needs shelter and the EOC	
9	Serve Columbia County Emergency Management by providing reliable data communication between the EOC and the staffed locations.	U Winlink P2P messages were sent to the Alachua EOC with replies. Nothing was sent in county.	

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10	Volunteers to gain experience and work together in a live incident.	S Our volunteers worked better with the “other” volunteers than in previous times. We all were more familiar with each other this time.	
11	Provide information to the Emergency Management director accurately and in a timely fashion.	P ICS 213s were delivered to the proper agency in a timely manner and then given to the Director.	
12	Increase the familiarity of our volunteers with the ICS system	S Our use of the standard forms are improving	
13	Turn in copies of all documents at close of incident	S One of the ICS-213s was not able to be retrieved.	Make a copy of all documents that we give to another agency.
13	Be as courteous and supportive of other volunteers participating in the incident	P	
14	Establish communications via HF bands with State Emergency Nets	S/U The current HF antenna could only be tuned on 40 meters and not on 20 meters	

Ratings Definitions:

Performed without Challenges (P): The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were completed in a manner that achieved the objective(s) and did not negatively impact the performance of other activities. Performance of this activity did not contribute to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers, and it was conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws.

Performed with Some Challenges (S): The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were completed in a manner that achieved the objective(s) and did not negatively impact the performance of other activities. Performance of this activity did not contribute to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers, and it was conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws. However, opportunities to enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency were identified.

Performed with Major Challenges (M): The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were completed in a manner that achieved the objective(s), but some or all of the following were observed: demonstrated performance had a negative impact on the performance of other activities; contributed to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers; and/or was not conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws.

Unable to be Performed (U): The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were not performed in a manner that achieved the objective(s).

Not Needed to be Performed (NA): The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were not needed to be performed to achieve the objective(s).



Steamers Clam Bar & Grill in Cedar Key, FL on August 6th, 2023. My wife and I celebrated our Anniversary here with friends.

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VOL HOURS ESTIMATED			
Preparation	Phone calls to secure operators	2 vol-hrs	N5CBP
	ICS forms	2 vol-hrs	N5CBP
	Setting up EOC Radio room	2 vol hrs	N5CBP
	Assist setting up EOC	1 vol hr	N5CBP
Briefing at the EOC	1 persons x 1hr	3.5 vol hrs	State EOC, Partner Meeting, Press Conference
Hurricane Idalia Incident	8/29/23 0845 – 8/31/23 1630	121 vol hours	N5CBP, KN4YGT, KO4DLN, K4CPZ
Documentation/ Review		5 vol hours	
TOTAL		136.5 vol-hours	

MODES USED FOR THE INCIDENT		
CW	We did not use this for this incident.	
PHONE	<p>HF was used at the EOC to keep in contact with the Nth Florida emergency net.</p> <p>VHF voice comms in county</p> <p>State EOC net on SARNet that we checked into.</p> <p>Winlink P2P Vara FM</p>	
Digital	We set this up and tested into Alachua EOC.	

SECTION 4: CONCLUSION

Our first Hurricane incident with this team had some positive a success stories.

When the Special Needs Shelter lost commercial power the backup power did not come on in the building. The Shelter Manager could not reach the EOC using cell phone so the manager asked Mike Harding, KN4YGT if he could reach the EOC via radio to get some help. After several questions and answers back and forth, someone was dispatched to the shelter to provide assistance. We were told that the when the generator came on, the automatic transfer switch did not function properly leaving the shelter without power. They were able to resolve the issue and had power from the generator.

Florida Division of Emergency Management coordinator, Glen Hammers, came into the EOC radio room to ask for assistance in contacting the Suwannee County EOC. We were able to contact their EC, Mike Meador KM4BTW who advised that the EOC staff had moved to another more secure location and all was well.

Glen again came into the radio room to ask for assistance to contact Gilchrist County EOC. We were again able to contact their EC and requested a message be delivered to the Gilchrist Director of Emergency Management to call Glen. His phone rang before he left the radio room.

The Red Cross liaison requested we attempt to contact Madison and Taylor counties to check in on their status. We were able to talk with someone in Madison County but not the person she was looking for. We were not able to make contact with anyone in Taylor county.

We received a radio call from Matt, KM4MIF with HCA support in Suwannee County advising they were on site at the Hospital and would have a portable generator up and running by 2300 on 8/30 and they would be able to receive patients by the morning of 8/31.

We also took messages about a tree down across Hwy 247, and an elderly couple in wheel chairs with a tree down on their house and wires down as well. Both were passed to Citizens Information Center as ICS-213s.

Our team gained valuable experience in supporting Emergency Operations during a live incident. We demonstrated professional effort, and improved operator skill.

APPENDIX A IMPROVEMENT PLAN

No.	Item	Corrective Action	Volunteer rising to champion	Comments / Completion
1	Encourage other Hams to become involved in emergency operations		Planning	Aim for 4 hour shifts
2	Provide pre-incident training that works for non-retired persons also.		Planning	
3	Create a map with shelters located	Include in packet handed out at incident briefing	Planning	
4	Encourage Hams to take the most current basic FEMA courses related to ICS, NIMS and EOC support		Planning	IS100, IS200, IS700, IS800, IS802
5	Take ARRL EMCOMM 001	http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog	Planning	
6	Columbia ARES team to be more proficient in using ICS and Winlink	Hold training sessions in the use of the different forms and how to send them using voice and Winlink	Operations	Have training sessions in a non-emergency format
7	Become more familiar with EOC staff and the chain of command.	Spend more time at the EOC learning names and responsibilities	Operations	
8	Improve the scheduling so we don't end up with only 1 operator scheduled for the entire duration per location		Operations	

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9	Formal check-in with Net Control Station, for central sign-in/sign-out so we would know who is on site at all times.		Operations	
10	Formal briefings at beginning of operations and at scheduled times during, and at end of operation.		Operations	
11	Provide hard copy of the needed ICS forms & instructions, Net procedures, radio manual cheat sheet and typical HF ARES net time and frequencies for each site.	Printed and placed at the radio desk in the EOC Radio Room	Operations leadership	Zipper notebook Master with extra copies
12	Provide hard copy of the needed ICS forms & instructions, Net procedures, radio manual cheat sheet and typical HF ARES net time and frequencies for each site.	Provide one complete packet for each deployment location	Operations	Zipper notebook
13	Have emergency boot USB's for each computer.		Operations	
14	Provide temporary power between loss of main power and generator	UPS for power 2 supplies	Logistics	
15	Create a list of equipment and materials needed for each location		Logistics	
16	Increase the ability to establish communications both to Local and State wide Nets.	(started)	Logistics	Repeaters, simplex, new antennas
17	Volunteers to become more familiar with setting up a station at the local shelter locations	Provide layout and practice setting up a station	Logistics	
18	Know the layout of the shelter ahead of time and where the radio station will be set up		Logistics	
19	Begin to build out a go box for deployment. Start with a goal of four.		Logistics	Computer, radio, cables, sound modem, battery, coax, antenna, forms, Power Supply


APPENDIX B: ICS PLANNING DOCUMENTATION

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS-205)										
1. Incident Name: Idalia			2. Date/Time Prepared: Date: Aug 29, 2023 Time: 0630 LOCAL				3. Operational Period Date From: Aug 29 To: Aug 31 Time From: 1300EDT To: 1200EDT			
4. Basic Radio Channel Use:										
Zone Grp.	Ch #	Function	Channel Name	Assign-ment	RX FREQ N or W	RX TONE / NAC	TX FREQ N or W	TX TONE / NAC	Mode (A, D)	Remarks
Local	1	Command Net	COM1	Ham	145.490	None	144.890	None	A	Command Net
Local	2	Command alternate	COM2	Ham	146.940	123.0	146.340	None	A	Alternate for Command check-in net
Local	3	Tertiary Command	ARES Simplex	Ham	146.420	None	146.420	None	A	Tertiary Command
Local	4	Winlink	WIN HF	Ham	TBD	None	TBD	None	D	Per HF WINLINK RMS Channels
Local	5	Peer Winlink	PEERWIN	Ham	144.990	None	144.990	None	D	P2P only Vara FM
Local		Winlink	WIN VHF	Ham	145.070	None	145.070	None	D	N5CBP-10
State	6	Command	AUXCOMM HF NET	PM 1	3.940 LSB					Statewide Emergency Net 2000ET - 0700ET
State	7		AUXCOMM HF NET		3.950 LSB					Statewide Emergency Net 2000ET - 0700ET
State	8		AUXCOMM HF NET		7.265 LS B					Statewide Emergency Net 0700ET - 2000ET
State	9		AUXCOMM HF NET		7.247 LS B					Statewide Emergency Net 0700ET - 2000ET
State	10		AUXCOMM HF NET		7.242 LSB					Statewide Emergency Net 0700ET - 2000ET
State	11		SARNET		SARNet					Primary to State EOC
State	12		Winlink -		SHARES					NNA4FL – State EOC
5. Special Instructions										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Channel Name to identify frequencies if moving from interference. 										
6. Prepared By (Communications Unit Leader) Name Brad Swartz N5CBP Signature /s/										
ICS 205				IAP PAGE 1				Date / Time Sept 11 1500 EDT		

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Communications Log (ICS 309)

1. INCIDENT NAME Hurricane Idalia			2 OPERATIONAL PERIOD From: Date 8/29/23 Time 1930 To: Date 8/29/23 Time		
3. RADIO NETWORK NAME CCARES			4. RADIO OPERATOR (Name, Call Sign) Mike Harding KN4YGT		
5. COMMUNICATIONS LOG					
Time (24:00)	FROM		TO		Message
	Call Sign/ID	Msg #	Call Sign/ID	Msg #	
12030	KN4YGT	01	K04DLN	01	Radio check Hdhld
2203	K04DLN	02	KN4YGT	02	Status Report
2210	KN4YGT	03	K04DLN	03	470 Repeater Test
2230	KN4YGT	04	W04CHN	04	Checkin AF 3950
2316	KN4YGT	05	K04DLN	04	Call Ed C - N/A
0700	KN4YGT	06	N5CBP	05	Adjust W/Reon HF
0720	FTN	07	KN4YGT	07	checked SW
725	KN4YGT	08	N5CBP	08	Return to Repeater / Passed Status Report
840	KN4YGT	09	N5CBP	09	Testing the known power out
845	KN4YGT	10	N5CBP	10	Generator running
847	KN4YGT	11	N5CBP	11	No power to Bldg
850	N5CBP	12	KN4YGT	12	only rd, no lights
855	KN4YGT	13	N5CBP	13	no power still only emergency
930	KN4YGT	14	N5CBP	14	Rel outlets & lights working
1027	KN4YGT	15	N5CBP	15	checking status of South Tower
1000	KN4YGT	16	N5CBP	16	Passed Status Report
1327	KN4YGT	17	N5CBP	17	Principal wanted status of H. 1000
1322	N5CBP	18	KN4YGT	18	understand maintenance plan
1630	N5CBP	19	KN4YGT	19	Advise me of relief
1642	KN4YGT	20	N5CBP	20	Status report
1730	KN4YGT	21	N5CBP	21	Breaks relief
6. PREPARED BY (Name, Position) Mike Harding Operator			SIGNATURE 		7. DATE & TIME 8/30 1730 PREPARED

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ACTIVITY LOG (ICS 214)

1. Incident Name: Hurricane Idalia		2. Operational Period:		Date From: 8-29-23	Date To: Date
				Time From: 0800	Time To: HHMM
3. Name: Mike Ardoy KV4YGT		4. ICS Position: Special needs shelter		5. Home Agency (and Unit): CCARES	
6. Resources Assigned:					
Name		ICS Position		Home Agency (and Unit)	
Mike Ardoy		Radio Operator		CCARES	
7. Activity Log:					
Date/Time		Notable Activities			
0829 2000		Arrived at shelter checked in w/ manager			
11 2000		Started setup of station			
2020		Rain Band 3 had to stop setup			
2100		Resumed setup			
2200		Setup complete testing			
2200		Testing 4190 Repeater			
2230		Checked in to 3950			
2300		Collected Shelter Report			
2316		Tried to contact EOC NPA			
2330		Tried to Talk NPA			
0600		Monitoring 4190			
0700		(contacted) N5C6P (NPA) was going to HF			
0726		checked in to NPA			
0820		Power Out			
0845		Generator Running			
0847		No power to Aids			
0930		And Outlets, Lights on School Generator			
1317		Power back how long shelter is open			
1322		Told information about time open			
1430		Advised me of relief			
1643		Shelter report			
1813		Relieved for Break By mail KV4CPZ			
8. Prepared by: Name: [Signature] Position/Title: [Signature] Signature: [Signature]					
ICS 214, Page 1		Date/Time: Date 1815 8-30-23			

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Columbia Activation Program
Shelter Count Log

Shelter Name: Special Needs Shelter

ESF -6 Phone Number EOC:
(386) 758-1125 Ext 1602

Process Highlights

- Shelter counts are conducted by CAP staff physically at the shelter and based on an actual head count.
 - There may be times when the numbers are too large and registration cards must be relied on.
 - The goal should always be a physical head count.
- Shelter counts will focus on clients and staff
 - Family members of staff working in the shelter should be counted as clients
 - The three primary staffing groups where specific counts will be needed are: CAP (County & CCSD), Medical, and Law Enforcement.
 - Any additional specialty staff can be captured in the Other Staff group
- Shelters counts will be collected a minimum of twice a day, 11AM and 11PM.
 - This will occur a little more frequently (determined by ESF 6 @ EOC) during the initial opening to gauge public response and the need to adjust any operations.
- Shelter Counts will be collected via phone by ESF 6-Mass Care staff at the EOC.
 - Should they not contact the shelter in a reasonable amount of time, the Shelter may contact them at the above listed number to report their numbers.
- The Shelter Manager is responsible for identifying the individuals to conduct the count and for ensuring that the counts are received by the EOC.

Date & Time	Clients	CAP Staff (County & CCSD)	Law Enforcement	Medical (if applicable)	Other Staff (HAM Radio, etc.)
8/29 2300	10	2	1	3	1 10 545
8/30 0700	13	9	1	3	1 10 545
8/30 1100	12	7	1	3	1 10 545
8/30 1643	15	7	1	3	1 16 545
9/1 2141	15	4	1	2	1 16 545

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1. INCIDENT NAME <i>Idalia</i>		2 OPERATIONAL PERIOD From: Date <i>8/30/23</i> Time _____ To: Date _____ Time _____			
3. RADIO NETWORK NAME		4. RADIO OPERATOR (Name, Call Sign) <i>Brad Swartz NSCBP</i>			
5. COMMUNICATIONS LOG					
Time (24:00)	FROM		TO		Message
	Call Sign/ID	Msg #	Call Sign/ID	Msg #	
0700 -					FPTN
0730					
0700					KN4YGT - to HF
0730					KN4YGT - back on UHF
0800					KA4SUR White Springs
0750					.93" rain last 24 hrs
0800					
0800					KD6STU - wet & OK
0802					KN4W5G - monitoring
0805					K04CTIS - Power off & on
0840					KN4B7W - Suwannee GOC
0845					K1LK -
0850					K64F04 - lost tree fence damage
0900					westside Glenn no power
					on red outlets from Generator
0910					KD6STU - lost Power
0914					Tree down across 247 @
					Forest Country
0930					KN4YGT - Westside Glenn Generator
					Powering overhead lights &
					Red outlets
0950	NSCBP		NF4EC / K04YOL		ask Director Smith to
			147.340 Dixie ptr		contact Glenn from FDEM
1155					Attempted contact w/ Madison Co
					at request of Red Cross
6. PREPARED BY (Name, Position)			SIGNATURE		7. DATE & TIME PREPARED

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ACTIVITY LOG (ICS 214)		
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3. Name: D Bradley Swartz	4. ICS Position:	5. Home Agency (and Unit):
6. Resources Assigned:		
Name	ICS Position	Home Agency (and Unit)
7. Activity Log:		
Date/Time	Notable Activities	
8/29/23		
0845	Arrived SOC	
0900	Briefing	
1000	left SOC	
1445	Arrived back at EOC	
	started setting up data functions with laptops	
1315	Inter meeting for Gov DeSantis Press Conf.	
1745	Darren Demarino arrived at EOC	
1715	State EOC Briefing	
1830	NWS Sax briefing	
1930	Brad leaves EOC for a break	
2100	State Meet on 3. 950	
2115	Established comm w/ Mike Hardy KW4YGT @ Spec. Veg. Shot on 146.940 (he is using HT which could not reach 145.49)	
10:2245	Resumed operations on 145.490 as Mike got his antenna up.	
8/30/23		
0500	Brad returns to SOC	
0530	NWS briefing - Seawance & Hamilton High Wind Seat	
0700-0730	FPTN	
8. Prepared by:	Name:	Position/Title: Signature:

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Shelter Count Log

Shelter Name:
Westside Elementary



ESF -6 Phone Number EOC:
(386) 758-1125 Ext 1602

Process Highlights

- Shelter counts are conducted by CAP staff physically at the shelter and based on an actual head count.
 - There may be times when the numbers are too large and registration cards must be relied on.
 - The goal should always be a physical head count.
- Shelter counts will focus on clients and staff
 - Family members of staff working in the shelter should be counted as clients
 - The three primary staffing groups where specific counts will be needed are: CAP (County & CCSD), Medical, and Law Enforcement.
 - Any additional specialty staff can be captured in the Other Staff group
- Shelters counts will be collected a minimum of twice a day, 11AM and 11PM.
 - This will occur a little more frequently (determined by ESF 6 @ EOC) during the initial opening to gauge public response and the need to adjust any operations.
- Shelter Counts will be collected via phone by ESF 6-Mass Care staff at the EOC.
 - Should they not contact the shelter in a reasonable amount of time, the Shelter may contact them at the above listed number to report their numbers.
- The Shelter Manager is responsible for identifying the individuals to conduct the count and for ensuring that the counts are received by the EOC.

Date & Time	Clients	CAP Staff (County & CCSD)	Law Enforcement	Medical (if applicable)	Other Staff (HAM Radio, etc.)
8/30/23 0855	13	9	1	3	1/10515
8/30/23 1145	15	7	1	3	1/116
8/30/23 2215	15	4	1	2	1/114

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

1. Incident Name (Optional): Hurricane Idalia		
2. To (Name and Position): EOC / CIC		
3. From (Name and Position): Dave KD4POG		
4. Subject: wind damage	5. Date: 8/30/2023	6. Time 1345
7. Message: Tree down across power line and part of the tree on the house. Elderly couple wheel chair bound with out power.		
8. Approved by: Name: _____ Signature:  Position/Title: _____		
9. Reply:		
10. Replied by: Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: 		
ICS 213	Date/Time: _____	

THIS ICS-213 IS A RECREATION. THE ORIGINAL WAS UNABLE TO BE RECOVERED.

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

1. Incident Name (Optional): <u>Idalia</u>		
2. To (Name and Position): <u>CIC</u>		
3. From (Name and Position): <u>Mike Harding, KN446T, Ham Radio @ Westside Elementary</u>		
4. Subject: <u>Tree down</u>	5. Date: <u>8/30/23</u>	6. Time: <u>0914</u>
7. Message: <u>Citizen at westside (worken) came in and reported a tree down across 247 @ Forrest Country</u>		
8. Approved by: Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____		
9. Reply:		
10. Replied by: Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____		
ICS 213	Date/Time: Date	

**After Action Report
Improvement Planning**

**Columbia County ARES
Hurricane Idalia August 2023**

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

1. Incident Name (Optional): <u>Idalia</u>	
2. To (Name and Position): <u>Shayne Morgan</u>	
3. From (Name and Position): <u>Matt KM4MZF HCA Support</u>	
4. Subject: <u>ER in Suwannee</u>	5. Date: <u>8/30</u> 6. Time: <u>1935</u>
7. Message: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Portable Generator up by 2300</p> <p>Receive Patients by Thur AM</p> </div>	
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>Bmd Swartz</u> NSCBP</p> </div>	
8. Approved by: Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____	
9. Reply:	
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10. Replied by: Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____	
ICS 213	Date/Time: Date