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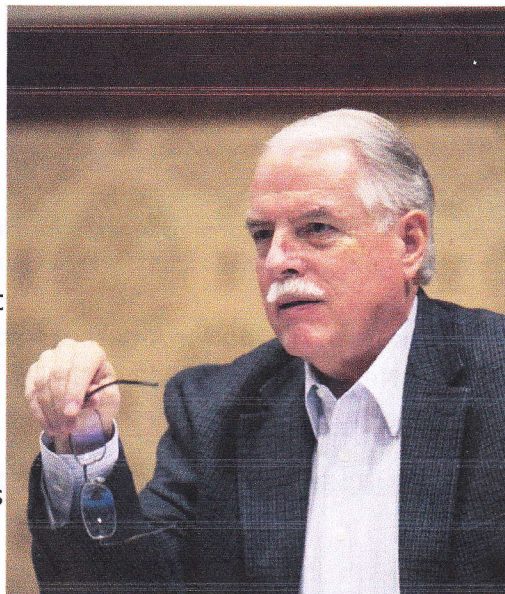
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Ämne: From ARRL President: Relief Efforts Need Your Help

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Dear ARRL Member:

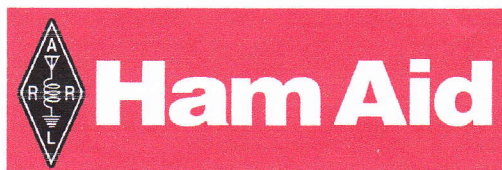
There are few times when I have needed to reach out directly to you for your help. This is one of those times.

The American Red Cross (ARC) has asked ARRL for assistance with relief efforts in Puerto Rico. In the nearly 75-year relationship between ARRL and ARC, this is the first time ARC has made a request for assistance on this scale. Hurricane Maria has devastated the island's communications infrastructure. Without electricity and telephone, and with most of the cell sites out of service, millions of people are cut off from communicating. Shelters are unable to reach local emergency services and people cannot check on the welfare of their loved ones. The situation is dire.



How can you help?

1) **Volunteer.** ARC needs up to 50 radio amateurs who can help record, enter, and submit disaster-survivor information into the ARC Safe and Well system. There are very specific requirements and qualifications needed for this deployment; for instance, familiarity with Winlink, an Amateur Radio license of General class or higher, and previous experience in disaster response. **Deployment will be for up to 3 weeks** (at ARC expense). If you would like to be considered for deployment, please complete the following online ARRL form, which asks for your qualifications and skills: [Volunteer Deployment Form](#)



2) **Donate to Ham Aid.** ARRL's Ham Aid program loans Amateur Radio equipment kits to established Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) groups and partner agencies during disaster response, in order to establish Amateur Radio communications support. Ham Aid is supported by donations from individuals and corporations – including many of our ham radio industry partners. ARRL has previously staged Ham Aid equipment in Texas, and in the last few weeks, we have supplied kits in Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Our supply of Ham Aid kits has been rapidly depleted. Your donation to Ham Aid will help us now. Your contributions to Ham Aid are 100% tax deductible. To make a donation online, go to www.arrl.org/arrl-donation-form and select "Ham Aid" from the ARRL donation form. To donate by mail, print a [donation form](#), and mail it with your check payable to ARRL, noting "Ham Aid" on the memo line of your check; mail to ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 USA.

It has been four weeks since Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas. In little over a month, Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria have left paths of destruction and catastrophic flooding that will impact the lives of people throughout the southeast U.S. and Caribbean for years to come. Throughout these disasters, our trained ham radio volunteers, and especially those in coordinating roles, have helped us meet the requests of our partner agencies and organizations. To all ham radio operators who have been on alert, activated, deployed, or donated, THANK YOU. We are grateful for your service and for your generosity.

73
Rick Roderick, K5UR
ARRL President

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Volunteer Form for Deployment Consideration

Important

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Due to the nature of this deployment you will need to process in as an **American Red Cross (ARC) volunteer**, including passing a background check. The ARC has indicated they will cover all expenses for transportation, lodging and feeding while on deployment. ARC will also provide liability coverage for volunteers. The only out of pocket expense to the volunteer would be personal items purchased during deployment.

ARRL and ARC will require training for volunteers being deployed. ARC will provide general deployment training and advance training in working in austere environments. ARRL will provide to ARC training on Amateur Radio equipment and modes to be used, reporting and operating guidelines.

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR COMPLETED FORM CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING. You must click "Submit" at the bottom of the form.

PLEASE DO NOT expect a response unless you are advanced for additional consideration for deployment.

Volunteer Form for Deployment Consideration

First Name *

Last Name *

Call Sign *

License Class *

Novice Technician General Advanced Amateur Extra non-US Amateur Radio license

Street Address Line 1 *

Street Address Line 2

City or Province *

State (US Only) (choose one)

ZIP or Postal Code *

Country * (choose one)

Email *

Phone *

Phone during possible deployment *

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact Name *

Emergency Contact Phone *

I am experienced with Winlink *

YES NO

I am an experienced HF station operator *

YES NO

I am an experienced VHF station operator *

YES NO

I have strong technical skills: station assembly, antenna installation, general station maintenance and repair *

YES NO

I can work under difficult conditions *

YES NO

I can deploy for up to three weeks *

YES NO

I can work as part of a team *

YES NO

I speak the following languages *

English Spanish English and Spanish

I have previous experience in disaster response *

YES NO

I have previous experience as a Red Cross volunteer *

YES NO

I have previous experience with shelter operations *

YES NO

Other background or information (if necessary)

PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING

Submit	Cancel
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