



Help in a Disaster – Create the LINK

Rotary Volunteers

HAVE

“WHAT” is needed



Ham radio operators

KNOW

“WHO” needs “WHAT”



☺ When a disaster knocks out all normal modes of electronic communication, ham radio operators can provide essential communication links with Rotary International volunteers (local Rotarians), to facilitate serving the people in serious need of food, water, supplies, equipment, etc.



(During a disaster, the Rotary District will establish one or more depots to receive and distribute donated items.)

☺ Local Rotarians want to distribute donated items to their most needy neighbors and community members.

☺ Therefore, they need timely location information; which local ham clubs and radio amateurs can provide.

Amateur Radio Preparedness



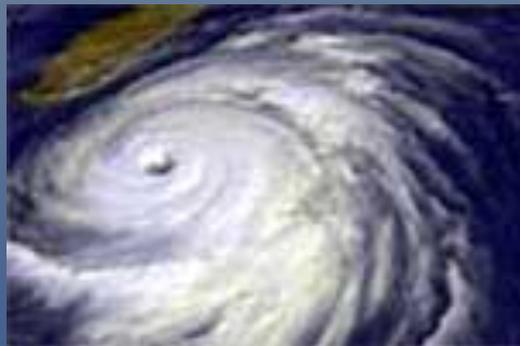
I Ham radio club Members already provide Communications Support for Community Activities.

I Some club members also are ARES Volunteers.

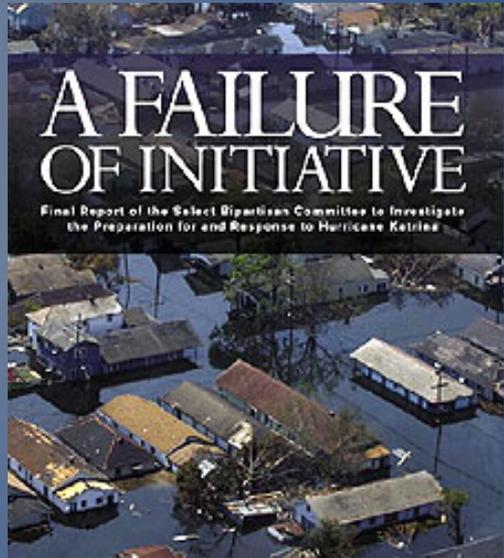
I This proposed support effort involves very little

In today's World, we cannot predict the size, nature or location of disaster areas! We must be prepared: Globally.

Local?



Regional?



Global?



We all remember the storm surges flooded streets, homes, and businesses. Strong winds took down power, telephone, and cable lines. Cell sites stopped working!



Disaster and Emergency Help

☺ Rotarians do an excellent job providing disaster aid and relief via local, national, and international material donations and financial support.

☺ Phones and the internet are the primary means of Rotary communications and aid coordination.

☺ If Rotarians are unable to use phones or the internet to identify the locations of the most needy groups, they can only guess where to bring essential items.

☺ Unfortunately, this can mean that the most needy disaster victims (e.g., as in Sandy) may not receive the goods while others “profit” from tailgate deliveries!





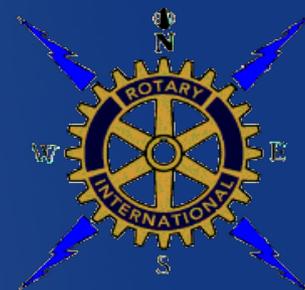
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☺ HAMS can help communicate local needs to Rotary “friends” who are delivering goods to the people with the urgent needs:



☺ We need to get 2 or 3 hams in each club to become acquainted with 2 or 3 Rotarians in each club.

Information resources available to hams:



R.O.A.R.
Rotarians of amateur radio



•Ham Volunteers

- Provide needs information to Rotary club “runners” and via surviving phone links; where possible
- Relay occasional logistics information to “Rotary supply depots”
- Invited to attend occasional Rotary disaster planning meetings
- Receives email and all circulated information and training links



•Rotary Volunteers

- Invited to attend certain ham radio emergency preparedness meetings
- Partnered with ham radio volunteers
- Offered ham radio license training



The International Fellowship for
Rotarians of Amateur Radio
(R.O.A.R.)

Dr. Fred Kruger is an Member of the Commack-Kings Park Rotary Club

He has been involved in disaster preparedness and emergency services (communications) since he joined NYC Civil Defense in the early 1950's.

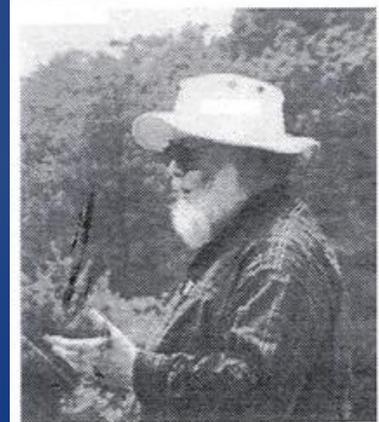
He is still an active member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES).

He has skills in both radio and telephony, has lectured on emergency preparedness, and maintains a portable, solar/battery powered, 100 watt, ham radio short wave (HF) station in addition to VHF and UHF shorter range radio equipment.
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Member Spotlight: Fred, K2LDC ... Then and Now



ON THE AIR! Fred Kruger, another CD communications volunteer, uses walkie-talkie in Queens. He can contact other units within 20-mile radius. About 300 local radio "hams" aided nationwide "emergency" test. (AP WirePhoto Circa 1955)



Field Day 2003 Photo

In Summary:

The goal is to establish simple radio amateur relationships with local Rotary Club members to facilitate information gathering and exchange.

- ▶ During disasters, Rotarians receive, store, secure, and distribute emergency materials sent by fellow Rotarians.
- ▶ When there is a loss of all phone, cell and internet communications, the Rotary distribution sites need to have an alternative communication source to provide information about specific needs in different areas and neighborhoods.
- ▶ Rotarians should have ham friends to call upon to find out who needs which donated items and where.

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