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Shelter Go-Kit

1.1 OVERVIEW.

Thank-you Bob. Good evening to the net. Tonight, I'll present an overview of the personal Go Kits that each member of ACS should put together when they are assigned to an emergency evacuation shelter during an activation event.

When members of Pinellas ACS are deployed to emergency evacuation shelters within Pinellas County, they will be required to bring the VHF/UHF communications equipment and administrative supplies needed to maintain communications with the Pinellas EOC. Depending on the type and expected duration of the activation event, each individual will also need to bring the personal items they would need if the shelter were locked down and travel to and from the shelter becomes prohibited.

During a tropical storm or hurricane, members should include the personal items needed for a deployment that could last up to 3 days. If the member is reporting to a shelter from an evacuation zone, they should include the personal items needed for up to 7 days. Personal items will need to fit within the 60-square foot space allocated to each PACS member.

Please note that weapons, illegal drugs, and alcohol are not permitted in any public shelter.

1.1.1 VHF Communications Equipment

VHF radio go-kits are maintained and stored at the Pinellas County Public Safety Complex.

When individuals are tasked with supporting an emergency evacuation shelter, they should proceed to the EOC to pick-up one of these kits. Each kit contains the following items:

- a. Single Band VHF Station: 25 – 50 Watts
- b. DC power Supply, AC Power cable, and Radio-PS power cable
- c. Microphone
- d. Dual Band VHF/UHF Antenna
- e. Coax cable

Many of the shelters now have an external VHF antenna installed, so depending on the assigned location, the antenna and coax cable may not be required. However, you may want to consider augmenting the radio kit with an HT, a set of personal headphones, and a 3-wire extension cord.

1.1.2 Administrative Supplies

There is no guarantee that when you arrive at the shelter that the shelter team will have the administrative supplies you need. Therefore, you should assemble a kit of administrative supplies to bring with you. This kit should include:

- a. Pens /pencils, highlighters, permanent markers
- b. paper clips, scotch tape, post-it notes
- c. Notebook and paper
- d. Blank ICS Forms
 - (1) ICS 213 General Message Form
 - (2) ICS 214 Activity Log
 - (3) ICS 309 Communications Log
- e. A soft copy of the Pinellas ACS Emergency Communications Plan and the Pinellas ACS Emergency Shelter Plan possibly on your phone or tablet.
- f. Identification
 - (1) Copy of Driver's License
 - (2) Pinellas ACS Identification Badge
 - (3) FCC License

1.1.3 Personal Items

Since you could possibly be at the shelter for three or in a worst-case scenario 7 days, you should assemble a kit containing the personal items you will need to be comfortable.

- a. Air Mattress, Bed linen, or a sleeping bag, a camp pillow
- b. Black eye mask, foam ear plugs

- c. Wash cloth and towel or wet wipes
- d. Sunscreen, bug spray, sunglasses
- e. Clothing
 - (1) Long pants, shirts, and closed toe shoes (3 to 7 days)
 - (2) rain gear
 - (3) prescription, non- prescription meds, spare glasses
 - (4) toiletries (e.g., toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.
- f. Food – a small cooler is permitted (Special dietary foods and snacks.
- g. Personal electronics
 - (1) cell phone, charger and charging cables
 - (2) power bank (battery)
 - (3) watch or clock
- h. Emergency money (cash for food, gas, etc. recommend small bills. Remember, the ATM machines may not be working.
- i. LED flashlight and spare batteries

1.1.4 Summary

The intent of this presentation was not to provide everyone with an exhaustive list of items to include in your shelter go-kit. But rather, to get you thinking about what you might want to start putting together in the next couple of weeks while the weather is good, and you have time to plan and organize your thoughts. Creating an inventory or checklist of items is an excellent way to ensure you have all your go-kit bases covered.

1.2 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

I'd like to pause here for a minute and ask if anyone has a comment or question about tonight's presentation. If you have a comment or question, please provide me with your call sign, slowly, clearly, and phonetically so I don't make a mistake when I respond. And then ask your question or provide me with your comment.

This is WA1RYQ.

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1.3 CONCLUSION.

That's all I have for this week's training session. Let me conclude with a couple of announcements.

1. Pinellas ACS has created a group on the Groups.io website. The name of the group is PinCoACS. Instructions for joining the group are located on the Pinellas ACS website.
2. The next Winlink training net is scheduled for this week, June 25th, 2023. A message was posted to the PinCo ACS Groups.io website on Monday June 26th. The message contains instructions describing the week's training. Each participant can complete the training task at their own pace. The deadline for submitting the training task to the net control station is 1900 on Thursday June 29th. If you are interested in participating in Winlink Training, please send me a note via Winlink at WA1RYQ or via email at WA1RYQ@arrl.net
3. I strongly encourage everyone to provide comments and suggestions for future training activities. I can be contacted via Winlink at WA1RYQ, via email at WA1RYQ@ARRL.net, or you can send me a message using our groups.io web site.

Now with that, I'll turn it back to Net Control.

1.4 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

The following table contains a summary of the comments and questions provided by the membership during the presentation.

No.	Call Sign	Comments	Response
1	KM4BRQ	It's also important to record your milage and the time when you leave home and when you arrive at the EOC. Also, you will need to record the time when you leave the EOC and the time an milage when you arrive at your final deployment location.	Excellent reminder. All this information should be recorded on your personal ICS214.
2	KJ4RUS	As soon as you get a call, you should start an ICS 214 and your first entry should be that you have received a call from the RO/Deputy RO and have been activated. Important to keep the ICS 214 up to date throughout the activation until demobilized.	
		No Additional Questions or comments	