

The logo is circular with a red border containing the text "EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS" at the top and "TERRITORIAL AMATEUR OPERATIONS" at the bottom. The center features a blue background with icons of a satellite, a laptop, a radio tower, and a lightning bolt. The text "A.C.S." is written in yellow at the bottom of the inner circle.

# Pinellas ACS

## 2026 Exercise Plan and Schedule

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# Agenda



- Exercise Schedules
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# July 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
		1	2	3	4/5
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday</li> </ul>
6	7	8	9	10	11/12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PinCo HURRICANE EXERCISE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PinCo HURRICANE EXERCISE</li> <li>Countywide Comms Test</li> <li>Weekly PinCo ACS Training Net</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PinCo HURRICANE EXERCISE</li> <li>EOC Level 1 Activation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PinCo HURRICANE EXERCISE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PinCo HURRICANE EXERCISE</li> </ul>	
13	14	15	16	17	18/19
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly PinCo ACS Training Net</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Lake CERT Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PinCo ACS Monthly Meeting</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute PinCo ACS COMEX 2026 Documents to All Participants via Email</li> </ul>
20	21	22	23	24	25/26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gulfport CERT Meeting</li> <li>Tropical Depression Forms</li> <li>Tropical Storm Aeolus Forms</li> <li>PinCo EOC Level 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seminole CERT Meeting</li> <li>Weekly PinCo ACS Training Net</li> <li>PinCo EOC Level 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PinCo EOC Level 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hurricane Aeolus Forms</li> <li>Tropical Storm Watch Pinellas</li> <li>Activation Notice PinCo EOC Level 2</li> <li>State of Emergency Declared Local and state</li> <li>Pre-deployment maintenance at EOC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tropical Storm Warning Pinellas</li> <li>PinCo EOC Level 2</li> <li>Activation Notice PinCo EOC Level 1</li> <li>Activation notice sent to PinCo ACS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hurricane Aeolus Landfall West Palm Beach</li> <li>Hurricane Warning Pinellas</li> <li>PinCo EOC Level 1 – 0800 Mandatory Evacuation – Shelters open – 0800</li> <li>Hurricane Aeolus Exits Tampa Bay</li> </ul>
27	28	29	30	31	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly PinCo ACS Training Net</li> </ul>				

## PinCo ACS COMEX 2026



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# PinCo Hurricane Bailey Countywide Exercise Scenario



**Pinellas County**  
Emergency Management

## Hurricane Bailey Countywide Exercise

July 5 – July 9, 2026

### Exercise Plan (ExPlan)

- Hurricane Bailey forms in the beginning of July.
- Hurricane Bailey strengthens into a Category Three Hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale (SSHWS) before making landfall in west-central Florida, causing significant damage and widespread impacts across Pinellas County and its municipalities.



# PinCo Hurricane Bailey Countywide Exercise Objectives



- Exercise participants will establish and maintain multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional coordination throughout the exercise period during a hurricane response in accordance with the *CEMP*.
- **Exercise participating agencies will test their communications and technology systems for sharing information throughout the exercise during a hurricane response in accordance with the *CEMP*.**
- Participating agencies will test and evaluate their operating plans, guidelines, or procedures for a hurricane response throughout the exercise period.



# PinCo Hurricane Bailey Countywide Exercise Schedule



Day 3 Tuesday, 07/07	Activity	Location
Various Times	EOC Section/Branch Meetings	Virtual
8:00 AM	Situation Report #3 Issued	N/A
8:00 AM	EOC Activation Notice #2 Issued	N/A
8:00 AM	EOC Action Plan #1 Issued	N/A
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Countywide Communications System Testing Period Begins</b>	<b>Various</b>
8:30 AM	EOC Command and General Staff Meeting	Virtual
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Countywide Communications System Testing Period Ends</b>	<b>Various</b>
3:00 PM	Response Operations Coordination (ROC) Call	Virtual
Day 4 Wednesday, 07/08	Activity	Location
7:30 AM	Situation Report #4 Issued	N/A
7:30 AM	EOC Action Plan #2 Issued	N/A
<b>8:00 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>EOC Level 1 – Full Activation In-Person Exercise (Morning/Day Shift)</b>	<b>EOC</b>
12:00 PM	Situation Report #5 Issued	N/A
12:00 PM	EOC Action Plan #3 Issued	N/A
<b>1:00 PM – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>EOC Level 1 – Full Activation In-Person Exercise (Afternoon/Night Shift)</b>	<b>EOC</b>
4:30 PM	EOC Deactivates to a Level 3 – Enhanced Monitoring	N/A

EOC Radio Room  
Activation





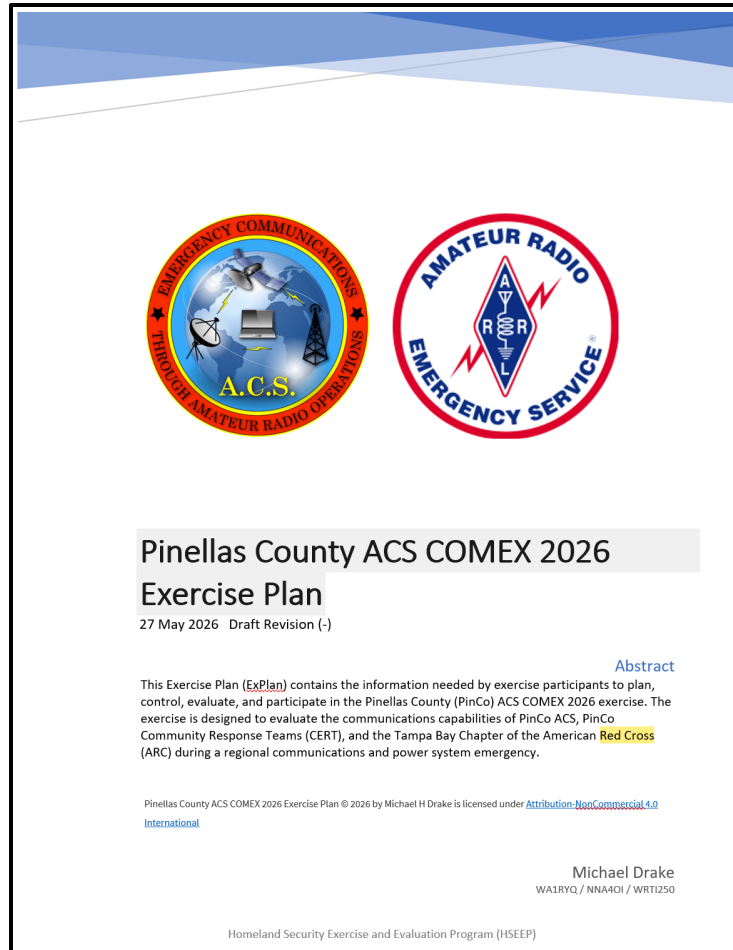
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# PinCo ACS COMEX 2026 Exercise Scope



- This exercise will evaluate the communications objectives, capabilities, and critical tasks performed by:
  - PinCo ACS,
  - PinCo CERT, and
  - Tampa Bay Chapter of ARC organizations
- During the approach, landfall, and aftermath of a tropical cyclone.
- The exercise will be divided into two operational periods.



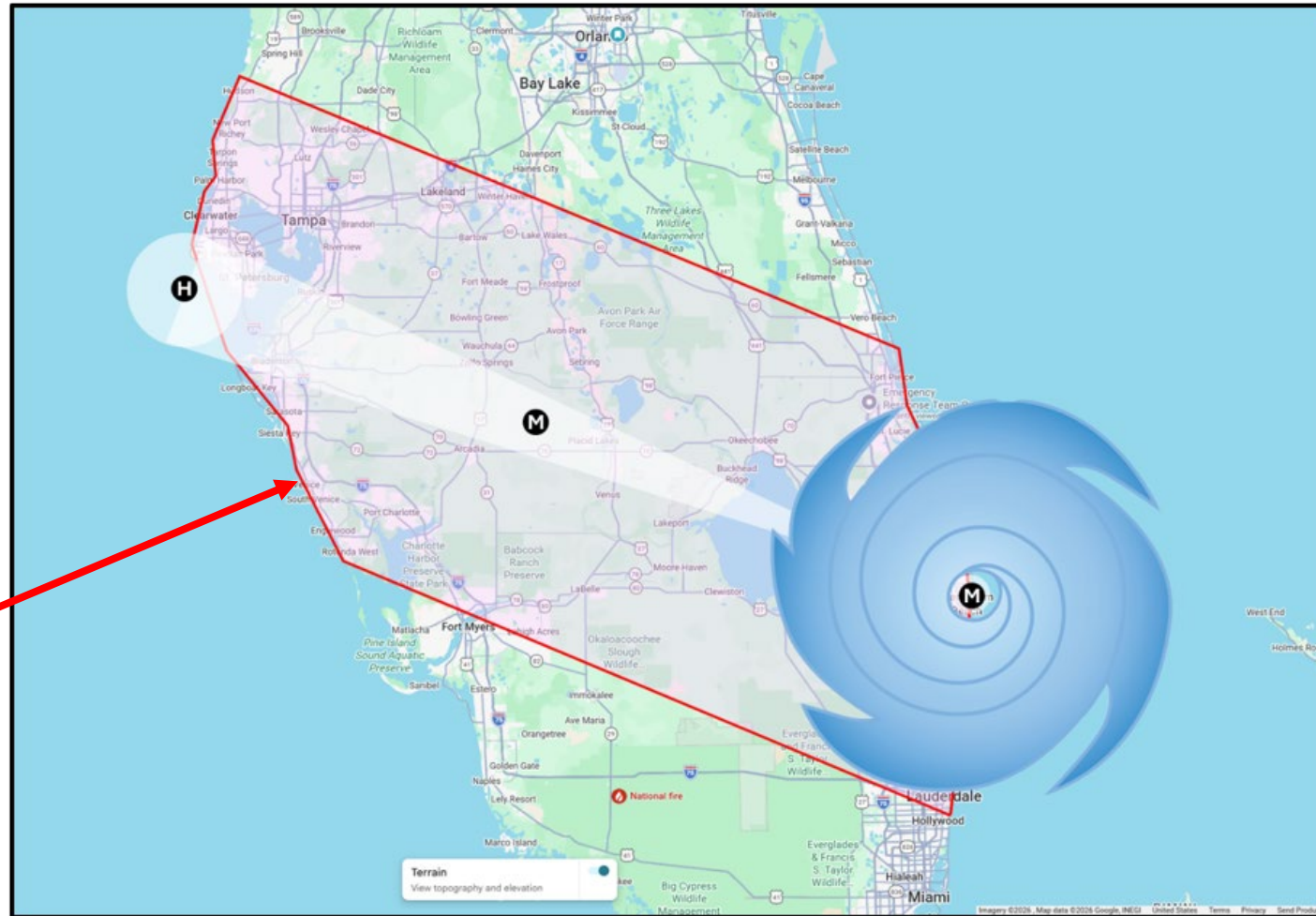
# PinCo ACS COMEX 2026 Exercise Scenario



- On July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, a tropical depression forms in the western Atlantic, later becoming Tropical Storm Aeolus. The storm strengthens rapidly over the next few days, and early in the morning of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Hurricane Aeolus makes landfall in Palm Beach County Florida as a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 151 mph.
- The storm moves rapidly north-westward across the Florida Peninsula, over Tampa Bay, and enters the Gulf later in the day on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as a category 2 hurricane with winds of 110 mph.
- Commercial power, terrestrial internet, and cellular services are inoperative throughout the Tampa Bay region.



# PinCo ACS COMEX 2026 Exercise Scenario



- Impacted Region
- No Commercial Power
  - No Cellular Service
  - No Terrestrial Internet



# PinCo ACS COMEX 2026 Exercise Team Assignments



- PinCo EOC Radio Room Team
- PinCo Emergency Evacuation Shelter Teams
  - Up to Six Teams located on PinCo Public Safety Complex
- PinCo Deployable Comm Center Team
  - Located on PinCo Public Safety Complex
    - Command-Runner™, SatRunner™, Starlink Terminal, Incident Command Center (ICC)
- Critical Infrastructure Site Teams
  - Multiple teams located throughout Tampa Bay Region
  - Public Park or similar location
  - Use Personal Radio Go-kit, antenna system, and back-up power system

Critical Infrastructure Sites – Similar to Field Day Operations



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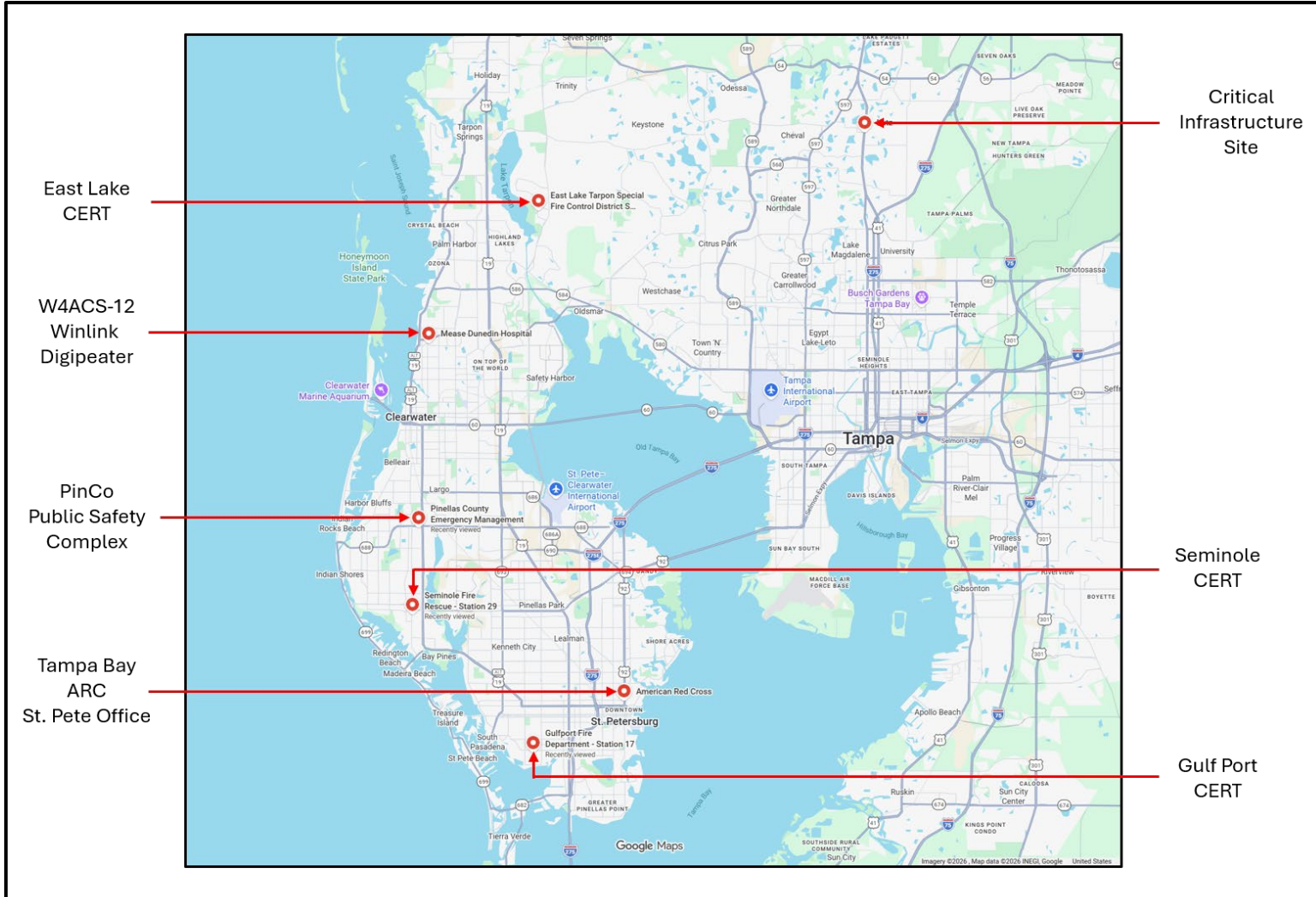


- Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross
- PinCo Community Emergency Response Teams
  - East Lake CERT
  - *Seminole CERT*
  - *Gulf Port CERT*



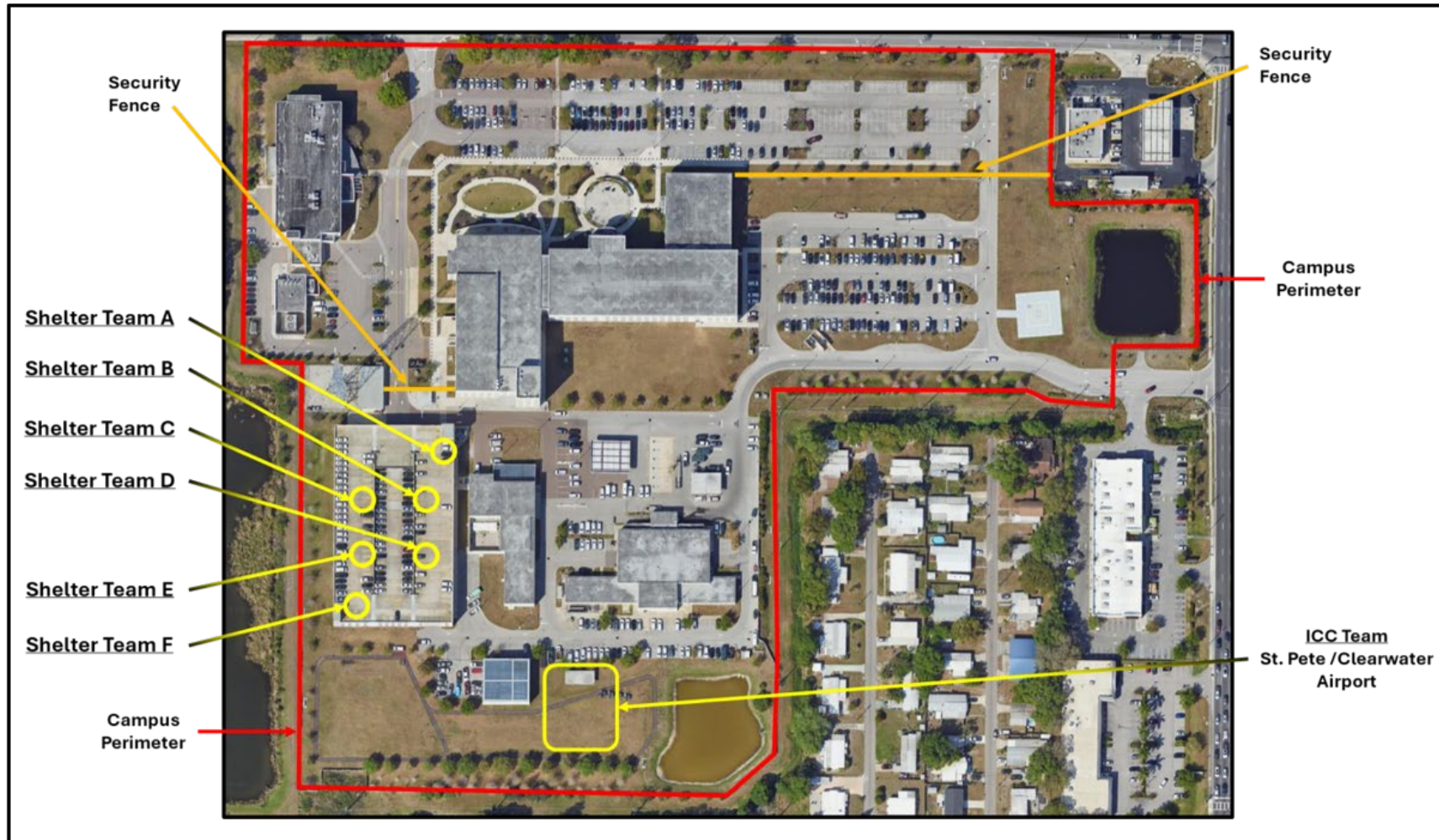
# PinCo ACS COMEX 2026 Exercise

## Site Venues





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# PinCo ACS COMEX 2026 Exercise Schedule



July 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Personnel	Activity	Location
0630	Controllers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrive at PSC and complete Venue Staging</li> </ul>	PSC
0700-0715	Critical Infrastructure Site and ARC teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams arrive at deployment locations and begin equipment setup.</li> </ul>	Remote venues
0715-0730	DCC/ICC, Evac Shelter Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Safety Complex participants arrive and complete check-in process.</li> </ul>	Public Safety Complex / EOC
0730-0800	All Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational Briefing</li> </ul>	EOC / Zoom
0800	All Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conclude Operational Briefing</li> <li>Release players for deployment</li> <li>ACS Leadership sets Activation Level 1 – <b>ACTIVATE</b></li> <li><b>Begin Operational Period 2</b></li> </ul>	EOC / Zoom
0800	EOC Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Establish PinCo ACS Tactical Resource Net</b></li> <li><b>Issue equipment to Communication Teams deployed to PSC.</b></li> </ul>	EOC
0800-0900	All Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport equipment to deployment locations</li> <li>Eplace and configure equipment</li> </ul>	All venues
0800-1130	All Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communications Exercise (voice, Winlink)</li> </ul>	All venues
1130	EOC Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Notify all communications teams to demobilize.</b></li> </ul>	Tact/Resource Net
1230 - 1300	All Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hotwash</b></li> </ul>	EOC / Zoom



# Conclusion

- Detailed briefing on both Exercises will be presented during next month's meeting
  - June 18<sup>th</sup>
- If your interested in setting up a Critical Infrastructure Site during the exercise, Please let me know
  - Proposed location



**Back-up**