

ST. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

meeting 3/27/23 2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, KB1YZ-Jim, KC3RWE-Brad, KC3PFF-Shawn, N3AK-Jon, W3OST-Rick, KC0WKX- Ed

Chris opened the meeting the meeting with ideas to talk about. Sky Warn and general overall preparedness for a climatic weather event. He explained what he has done to try and be ready which includes supplies of water and food as well as generator and battery power for his house and equipment, so he can help out and get information out as well as into the house. Chris brought up a YouTuber, Ryan Hall, that is an amateur weather watcher, has no formal weather training in prediction or forecasting, but seems to be fairly accurate in his predictions. He recently informed the county in Mississippi of the pending storm that was heading their way 2 hours prior to the event for their city. Chris has been following this person, Ryan Hall, for some time now, and has found him to be quite accurate in his forecasting.

We then went down the list to see how everyone else is prepared. I explained that I have a generator, some water and food, but need some batteries and a few other items that I am working on acquiring. Jim seems to be pretty well set up for an emergency. He has a house attached generator for power in the event that the commercial power is lost as well as some batteries and cables for radios, and some power tools for afterward for cleanup. Brad mentioned that he is just getting started and needs quite a few items in the future. Shawn mentioned that he is fairly well prepared with food and water, but still needs to get additional items. Jon says that he is fairly well prepared with plenty of food and water, but still needs additional supplies especially a way to make coffee. Rick is new to a lot of this, but has some items and is making a list of what else he might need. Ed seems to be fairly well stocked up on water and food. He has a generator that is powered by gasoline as well as propane. This is good as he uses propane in his house and has acquired an adaptor to allow his generator to use the propane.

It was also brought up that everyone needs to get some sort of water filter, as the normal water supply may be non-existent. You can survive a just a little food, but you need quite a bit of water to survive. Everyone need to be able to keep their radio batteries charged from a DC source, along with the necessary cables to interface to the radio. Everyone on the net tonight is a sky warn watcher and has their number, but hasn't submitted a storm report. Chris is looking into getting some refresher courses set up. The Calvert Radio club has set up the two repeaters in their county to be the skywarn repeaters for the sky warn net. We will be working with the Calvert group in this endeavor to be better prepared. The repeaters are the 146.985MHz, minus offset,

Pl 156.7Hz and the 444.95MHz, positive offset, pl 156.7Hz repeater, and they are linked together.

Chris ended the meeting at 0000Z. S