

St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

6/5/23 2300Z

Members present: KC3RWE-Brad, KB2SKP-Chris, N3QK-Jon, AC3CU-Neil, W3OST-Rick, KC3WBR-Rob, AC3FE-John, KC3UCB-Anthony, KC3QQD-Erik

Brad opened the meeting at 2300Z as net control. The topic of the net tonight was, "what items would include in a to-go kit", items that you might not normally think of? Brad opened the discussion that he found a rubber toolbox in his garage and it has a lot of compartments that could hold items.

Chris added that a first aid kit, food snacks and items that you could use to pass the time away with, such as a deck of cards or puzzles. He also reminded everyone that on June 19, we will be meeting at the museum at 2300Z for in-person meet. He will have software and cables for anyone that may need to program a radio. He said that Jim Montgomery will come down and explain the September set.

Neil didn't have a whole lot but suggested to take warm clothing as the weather may change. You should also have Id's with you, you may never know when they may be needed.

Jon was taking notes and not thinking of anything. He did say to take some flashlights, at least two different types. He also said to bring some duct tape and power cables.

Rick mentioned that it might be usable to have some water filters. Potable water might be at a premium. Water filters are easy to make and will come in handy. He also mentioned that you might take some sleeping bags or/and cots to sleep on at the shelters. This beats sleeping on cold concrete.

John had to step away and wasn't able to come back to the net.

Anthony said that twin bed sheets would be a great accessory. They can be ripped up for bandages or for any other use. They are small and pack easily using only a little space.

Erik mentioned that a good hat, to keep sun off of your head, ears and back of neck would be useful. He has a small battery pack, that has a solar panel to keep it charged, and he uses it for keeping his phone and small devices power up.

I didn't capture all of the suggestions that came up tonight. Chris is going to post a more complete list on the ARES site.

Brad closed the net at 2330Z. He ran a very good net for the first time.