


**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLORIDA HOSPITAL AND OSCEOLA COUNTY ARES (AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE®)**

Osceola County ARES, an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned amateur radio volunteer organization, is entering into an agreement with Florida Hospital Celebration and Kissimmee, to provide a licensed amateur radio operator for staffing an amateur radio station to provide emergency radio communications during a declared disaster event. Staffing of the amateur radio station will be based on availability of Osceola County ARES members. A representative of Osceola County ARES may be a member of the Florida Hospital's Emergency Management Team.

Florida Hospital will provide the antenna, coax cable and designated space. Osceola County ARES will provide the use of its amateur radio equipment, if required.

Osceola County ARES will be contacted through the Osceola County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), if it has been activated. If the incident involves the hospital only, the Florida Hospital ARES representative will be notified directly from the Hospital Command Center. Staffing will be based on availability – in cases of a widespread community disaster event, Osceola County ARES may not be able to provide 24/7 staffing for multiple hospitals.

This agreement is in force as of the date signed below and shall remain in effect until terminated by written notification of either party by the other.

  
Osceola County ARES Representative – Harry M. Kaufman      06/04/08  
Date

  
Florida Hospital HAM Coordinator – Steve Yost      06/04/08  
Date