



THE HAMCALL

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PRESIDENT Timothy Robinson KF4MGU COMMENTS

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. It's a good time to consider your personal emergency plans and to organize what you and your family would do if an incident took place. Guidelines for planning can be obtained on the FEMA website or through an emergency management office.

President Bush has declared a different theme for each week of September. The 1st-8th is Back-to-School, the 9th-15th is Business Preparedness, the 16th-22nd is Multicultural Preparedness, and the 23rd-30th Home and Family Preparedness. Information about the program can be found at the website www.ready.gov/.



I encourage any ham who is interested in volunteering in emergency communications to complete some kind of NIMS training. Public safety agencies have to be totally NIMS compliant by the

end of this November. This means they have to complete the courses specified by the federal government or they will no longer be able to receive federal funding such as grants. Some agencies are requiring its employees and volunteers alike to be compliant so there won't be any question about eligibility in the future. The basic NIMS courses are simple to complete and are available online through FEMA at no charge. The first course to start with is IS-700 NIMS: An Introduction. If you want to go further other suggested courses are IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System, IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, and IS-800 NRP: An Introduction.



The September meeting will be held on the 21st at Covington Woods Park. This meeting is the annual picnic and tailgating that we have each year. The tailgating will begin around 5:00 and be followed by dinner at

6:30. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and company of our club members. If you can, bring a friend and introduce them to our ham community. Please bring your ham gear to swap or sell.

I read several magazines each month to keep up with current events as they pertain to my job. In the August/September issue of Advanced Rescue Technology, James Careless, talks about the untapped resources waiting to be discovered in ham operators. Careless suggests that public safety agencies should seek out hams and see what they can provide. As we already know hams are usually the ones tinkering with new technologies before they hit the mainstream. Careless details how hams can give agencies an interoperable link when there is no other way for them to communicate. Hams are a vital asset to the community.

I attended the Huntsville ham fest in August and had a great time. To me the crowd size is just right for you to be able to look at the new toys and rummage through the flea market without getting run over by everyone else.



Panoramic View of Huntsville Flea Market

Tower Related Deaths for 2007 provided by W8NSV, Don Maupin.

2007 Fatalities From Falling From Structure

| Date | Location | Age | Home Town | Tower Height | Work Height | Tower Type | Description |
|---------|--------------------|-----|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| 7/28/07 | Centerville, LA | 29 | | 400' | | Guyed | |
| 7/10/07 | Edura, KS | 54 | Kansas City, MO | 1,000' | 500' | Guyed | Trolleying along a guy wire when a cable broke |
| 7/10/07 | Edura, KS | 33 | Independence, MO | 1000' | 500' | Guyed | Trolleying along a guy wire when a cable broke |
| 6/30/07 | Summerville, SC | 40 | Rex, SC | | 177' | Monopole | Coroner said he had safety equipment, but was not tied off. |
| 6/28/07 | Bluffton, SC | 30 | Woodstock, GA | 480' | 150' | Guyed | Co-worker said he was taping up a cut on his finger when he fell |
| 6/7/07 | Mandarin, FL | 21 | Mount Vernon, IN | 150' | 100' | Monopole | Was rigging the tower for a retrofitting project when he fell |
| 3/16/07 | Shreveport, LA | 72 | Gilmer, TX | 150' | 150' | Guyed | Was talking on his radio to men inside building when he fell. |
| 2/7/07 | Golden Meadows, LA | 29 | Nocona, TX | 330' | 125' | Self Support | Was not using fall protection equipment, was possibly using positioning lanyard when he fell |

Meeting Dates

- October 19th (Elections)
- October 31st (Bridge Watch)
- November 16th (Annual Dinner)
- December 15th (Saturday Morning)

Local Information

Next Meeting: September 21st at Covington Woods Park, Tailgating starts at 5:00 with dinner at 6:30.

The October meeting will be the 19th at the Bowling Green Police Department Community Room 7:00 pm.

The 4th District ARES Net Meets 7 nights a week at 9:00 pm local time.

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Secondary Frequency: 147.330+ PL 107.2, KA4CFW repeater

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147.060+ PL 156.7 KY4BG

147.330+ PL 107.2 KA4CFW

146.655- W4WSM

440MHz

444.100+ W4WSM

444.700+ PL 136.5 WB4JM (IRLP 4678)

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