

BEARS 1 Vehicle



- 32 foot Class A Motor Home from Forest River RV
- Conversion by: North American Catastrophe Services Inc., Melbourne, FL
- 72 hour self-sufficiency capability
- 20 antennas and a tower
- 4 radio operating positions
- Able to communicate locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- Sleeps 4 and has a galley
- Two 5.5 KW AC generators

Memorandum of Understanding

In 1996, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between **BEARS** and the Brevard County Division of Emergency Management (DEM) to fulfill all emergency communication functions. The MOU ensures the commitment of support and resources between both.

BEARS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

BEARS is seeking Community support for:

- Radio equipment for the vehicle.
- Annual expenses: insurance, fuel and maintenance services.
- Major donations, whose donors are entitled to have their corporate name displayed on the vehicle and a 501c (3) donation letter for IRS tax credit.

BEARS holds fund-raising events such as electronics flea markets and public displays.

BEARS



BREVARD EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO SERVICES

TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION
Please contact our
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Remember, your donation is tax deductible.

BREVARD EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO SERVICES (BEARS)



BEARS provides an emergency communications vehicle during disasters.

BEARS created a state-of-the-art mobile communications vehicle, **BEARS 1**, using a grant from the State of Florida, private contractors, volunteers and donated equipment.

BEARS is seeking sponsorship to maintain the vehicle. The estimated annual expense to properly maintain and insure the vehicle is \$10,000 and is funded only by donations.

WHAT IS BEARS?

BEARS is a consortium formed by the radio clubs and volunteer amateur radio operators in Brevard County. BEARS is possibly unique, since it is an organization with officers, elected by a Board of Directors, but itself has no individual members. The Board of Directors is made up of the representatives sent to BEARS by the constituent Amateur Radio Clubs (ARC), Amateur Radio Societies (ARS), Military Affiliate Radio service (MARS), Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams (REACT) and other groups interested in emergency communications.

BEARS provides emergency communications assistance to: county and municipal agencies, the National Weather Service, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Police Departments, Fire Departments and other public and private services.

Club members operate the **BEARS** amateur radio station in the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Rockledge, FL, and maintains all the amateur radio equipment owned by Brevard County on a completely volunteer basis. The Launch Information Services and Amateur Television Service (LISATS) Club provides its Amateur Television assets to the county by supplying visual information for the EOC during disasters, such as, before a storm, during evacuations, and after the storm has passed.

VOLUNTEERS

All of the volunteers involved have received identification badges through either the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), Radio Emergency Associated Communication Team (REACT) , or Citizen Band (CB). These trained volunteers annually provide countless hours of communications support to Brevard County.

COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE TEAM (CAT)

CAT is a group of dedicated amateur radio operators. They meet weekly to ensure the vehicle is prepared in the event of a disaster or callout. Its members have over 50 years combined experience in communications, engineering, and military operations.

CLUBS AND GROUPS Supporting BEARS 1

- Air Force MARS (PAFB)
- Army MARS
- Cocoa ARS
- Communication Assistance Team
- Harris-Intersil ARC
- Indian River ARC
- Indian River Colony Club ARC
- LISATS (TV)
- North Brevard ARC
- Platinum Coast ARS
- Space Coast REACT
- Titusville ARC



Current CORPORATE SPONSORS of BEARS 1

- WWBC/WMIE Radio
- North American Catastrophe Services
- Civilian Military Community
- Relations Council
- Peet Bros. Weather Instruments
- Rockwell Collins
- Wuesthoff Hospital

BEARS is a non-profit Florida Corporation and has a 501(c)(3) finding by the IRS. *Charitable contributions are tax deductible!*

The officers and members are volunteer communication enthusiasts and receive no remuneration for their services.