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Hurricane Irma
ARRL HQ Update #1
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Here is a recap of information shared on last night's coordination call, and some additional information and links

- - Ham-Aid information can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/ham-aid> . Requests for Ham Aid equipment should be submitted as soon as possible. If you wait too late we may not be able to get it to you.
- - Use of the 60 meter interop channels has been authorized. Channel 1 (5330.5 KHz) will be for data and channel 2 (5346.5 KHz) will be for voice. Direct communication between federal and Amateur stations is permitted.
- - FEMA will be using special callsigns if/when on Amateur bands. These callsigns spell FEMA i.e. KF4EMA, WF3EMA, NF2EMA, etc.
- - Please provide regular sitreps to HQ. Email ki1u@arrl.org
- - If you receive a request for information from a national entity (federal partner, national level NGO, etc.) please refer them to Mike Corey, KI1U, at ARRL HQ ki1u@arrl.org
- - Make sure you are sending your media and PR info to the right ARRL HQ contacts. News items go to Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, ww1me@roadrunner.com, and Social Media items and Media Hits to ARRL Social Media Specialist Michelle Patnode, mpatnode@arrl.org
- - Remember this is as much an IARU Region 2 event as it is a US event. Amateurs in Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic will also be active. There may be health and welfare requests that come from the islands directed to family in the States.
- - As we get information from national partners we will distribute it in further updates.
- - There is a dedicated landing page set up for Irma at www.arrl.org/irma If you need something added let Mike Corey, KI1U, know

Remember, your first priority is to make sure you and your family are safe. If you need anything from ARRL HQ please email or call Mike Corey, KI1U, ki1u@arrl.org 860-594-0222

73,

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EVERYONE COUNTS!

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