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MEDIA ADVISORY

Amateur Radio “Field Day” - June 22 and 23- Will Focus on Skill, Service, Science

WHO/WHAT Members of the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club Inc. will be participating in the national amateur radio Field Day exercise. Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of amateur radio. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. **Presentations for media commence at 11 am at both locations.**

WHEN: Saturday June 22, 10 am until
Sunday June 23, 2 pm

WHERE: North Fort Myers Community Park
2000 Recreation Park Way
North Fort Myers, 33903

Tice Firehouse Station #201
9351 Workmen Way
Fort Myers, FL 33905

WHY: Field Day is a showcase for how amateur radio works reliably under any conditions from almost any location to create an independent communications network. “Ham radio functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with laptops or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That’s the beauty of amateur radio during a communications outage,” says Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, spokesperson for ARRL The national association for Amateur Radio®, (www.arrl.org), which represents amateur (or “ham”) radio operators across the country. “In today’s electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters or emergencies if the standard communication infrastructure goes down,” Inderbitzen adds. Anyone may become a licensed amateur radio operator. There are more than 750,000 licensed hams in the United States, as young as 9 and as old as 100. And with clubs such as the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, it’s easy for anybody to get involved right here in Fort Myers. For more information about ARRL Field Day or amateur radio, contact Jon Scharbrough at field-

day@fmarc.net or visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

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Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club President Bob Lewis operates at Winter Field Day.