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MEDIA ADVISORY

Presentations for the media and civic leaders commence at 11 am on Saturday

WHAT: Amateur Radio “Winter Field Day” - January 24th and 25th
WHEN: Saturday, January 24, 11 am until Sunday, January 25, 1 pm
WHERE: North Fort Myers Community Park Pavilion
2000 Recreation Park Way
North Fort Myers, 33903

ARRL Winter Field Day is a public demonstration of how amateur radio provides reliable, independent emergency communications when traditional systems fail—especially critical in post-hurricane environments. During Winter Field Day, licensed “ham” radio operators set up temporary stations and operate using emergency power, simulating real-world disaster conditions where internet, cellular, and commercial power may be unavailable.

“Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet or cell phone infrastructure and can be deployed almost anywhere within minutes,” says Carmine Vetrano, President of the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club. This resilience makes amateur radio a vital community asset during disasters and large-scale emergencies.

With more than 750,000 licensed operators nationwide, amateur radio plays a key role in public safety, emergency preparedness, and STEM education. Local organizations such as the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club help ensure Southwest Florida remains connected when it matters most. For more information about ARRL Winter Field Day or amateur radio, contact Lynn Johnson or Leo Windler on scene or by email at Fieldday@fmarc.net.