

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Okaloosa County D-STAR Group
And
Twin-Cities Amateur Radio Club
North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club
Playground Amateur Radio Club
ARRL County Emergency Coordinator
Whitaker Communications Antenna Site Manager

Purpose:

Digital Smart Technology for Amateur Radio (D-STAR) is a new mode of communication that has become popular for emergency service and general ham communications.

The Okaloosa County Emergency Communications purchased a D-STAR communications stack that includes 1.2GHz, UHF, VHF repeaters, and a data module with a repeater controller at the suggestion of the ARRL County Emergency Coordinator.

The implementation, antennas, coax, connectors, and internet connectivity has been the responsibility of the ham community. Both individuals and clubs have been involved in this effort. While those contributing effort and finances have been aware of the progress, the ham community as a whole has not.

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to formalize the efforts of the Okaloosa County D-STAR Group and make sure no one organization feels that by its involvement has a greater voice in the function of this county property.

Scope:

There are three amateur radio clubs in this county. The clubs have members with different skill sets. The group expects to call upon these skill sets. The membership shall be by title with the exception of special skill sets such as tower climbing and computer programming. Expenditures at the inception of this memo have been made by Okaloosa County Emergency Management, the Playground Amateur Radio Club and the North Okaloosa Amateur radio club, and several individuals. Repairs will remain the responsibility of Emergency management but enhancements will be the responsibility of the Okaloosa county amateur radio clubs in proportion to their membership and approved by a vote of their membership.

The Okaloosa County D-STAR Group will promote and maintain the D-STAR repeater system and encourage local amateur radio operators to experiment, hold NETS, drill and serve the public good, including working with the served agencies of Okaloosa County EM and Red Cross, and other public service organizations

Membership:

Twin Cities ARC President

North Okaloosa ARC President

Signed by:

Date:

John Richardson W6KBL

Bob Walker, N4CU

Playground ARC President

Steve McCarter KB4OID

Okaloosa County Emergency Management

Ken Wolf KG4SEZ

ARRL County Emergency Coordinator

Steve McCarter KB4OID

Whitaker Communications Antenna Site Manager Jim Potter N4NID

Assistant Antenna Site Manager

Steve Strom N4GXX

Appointed:

Gateway Administrator

Sharon Joyce KJ4TPQ

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