

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE WALKER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY
SERVICES GROUP
AND
THE TRI-STATES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

1. PURPOSE The purpose of this document is to establish and memorialize an agreement between the Walker County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (Walker County ARES) and the Tri-States Amateur Radio Club (TSARC) for use by Walker ARES of the W4GTA repeater system and emergency radio kits (each kit consisting of 1 radio, 1 power supply, 1 roll of coax, 1 antenna, and 1 antenna stand) owned and maintained by the TSARC during Emergency Operations within Walker County and the Tri-State Region of Northeast Alabama, Southeast Tennessee, and Northwest Georgia.

2. INTRODUCTION

A. The Tri-States Amateur Radio Club, established in 1985, currently owns W4GTA repeater system. Rick Wright (AB4RW) is the Repeater Trustee. The repeater operates on the 2m band under the W4GTA call sign (145.350 +/- 100 Hz PL).

B. The Walker County Amateur Radio Emergency Services group is comprised of FCC licensed amateurs who volunteer their time, equipment, skill, and knowledge in order to be prepared to provide auxiliary communication services for governmental, public service and other relief organizations, which may be required in the Walker County Region. Walker County ARES is made up of one group, ARES. Many TSARC members are in the Walker County ARES group:

i. The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a nationwide field organization sponsored by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), and is managed by respective Emergency Coordinators at the State, District and County level. It is at the County level where most of the emergency preparedness planning, organizing and training is accomplished, because this is the level at which most emergencies occur and the level at which ARES leaders have direct contact with ARES members, with amateur radio clubs and groups.

3. RECOGNITIONS

A. Walker County ARES recognizes the Tri-States Amateur Radio Club as an autonomous Walker County amateur radio club which owns, operates and maintains a repeater facility, located on Lookout Mountain above High Point Community, Georgia, consisting of a 2 meter repeater 145.350 - MHz *100 PL*.

B. The Tri-States Amateur Radio Club recognizes the Walker County ARES group as the local extension of the ARRL Field Organization for planning and coordinating overall

countywide emergency preparedness and operations in Walker County, Georgia which comprises members of the local amateur radio clubs and groups; and has developed a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan with policies & procedures for supporting Walker County public safety agencies, and the American Red Cross and other Walker County agencies and disaster relief organizations.

C. Both Walker County ARES group and Tri-States Amateur Radio Club acknowledge and respect the fact that both groups also have established relationships with other Walker County agencies.

4. METHOD OF COOPERATION

In order that the amateur radio emergency communications personnel, facilities and procedures of Walker County, Georgia may be coordinated and utilized to the fullest advantage for supporting disaster relief operations in Walker County, the Tri-States Amateur Radio Club and the Walker County ARES group agree to the following:

A. Walker County ARES group will designate a representative to serve as its contact person with the Tri-States Amateur Radio Club.

B. Tri-States Amateur Radio Club approves the inclusion of its repeaters in the Walker County ARES group Frequency Plan. The Tri-States Amateur Radio Club 145.350 repeater will be designated as a Tactical and / or Resource Net frequency for Walker County ARES group in an emergency.

C. Tri-States Amateur Radio Club will strive to maintain its repeater and back-up emergency power sources in good condition in order to assure their readiness in the event of a disaster or other emergency situation.

D. Tri-States Amateur Radio Club approves the use of its repeater by Walker County ARES group for training or other related activities whenever the repeater is not being used or scheduled for an activity by Tri-States Amateur Radio Club or other groups. Walker County ARES group will schedule and coordinate its use of W4GTA repeater in advance with the Tri-States Amateur Radio Club representative(s).

E. Tri-States Amateur Radio Club approves the use of its emergency radio kits (each kit consisting of 1 radio, 1 power supply, 1 roll of coax, 1 antenna, and 1 antenna stand) to be used in times of declared local or regional emergency, for use in designated shelter sites within Walker County, and for use in trainings held by and for the Walker County ARES group.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is effective as of the date indicated below, and shall remain in effect unless terminated by written notification from either party to the other; or, until replaced by an updated version mutually agreed to by both parties.

Date of Agreement: _____

TRI-STATES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Emmett Perdue (W4EDP), President

TRI-STATES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB REPEATER TRUSTEE

Richard Wright (AB4RW), TSARC Repeater Trustee

WALKER COUNTY ARES group

Joseph Carter (W4LWC), Walker County EC