

**AMATEUR RADIO OPERATIONS PLAN
MOD WALK AMERICA
30 APRIL, 2005
LEESBURG, VA**

Situation:

The March of Dimes (MOD) will host a "Walk America" event through the Northern area of Leesburg on Sunday, 30 April, 2006.

The Loudoun Amateur Radio Group (LARG) will provide communications support for the event. There will be a total of five stations, four checkpoints along the route and one at the MOD headquarters at Ida Lee.

Mission:

Amateur Radio Operators will Provide Communications support between the Ida Lee Headquarters, the outlying checkpoints and along the route. 200 to 250 participants are expected.

Execution:

Approximately 0800, Denny, KF4TJI, will deploy the portable repeater near the middle of the route and Tom, WB3AKD, will set up net control near the Gazebo at Ida Lee.

By 0830, one to two hams will be stationed at each check point and two to three hams at the HQ. Checkpoints are located as follows:

- 1) Dry Hollow Road next to Hazel Reid Elementary School
- 2) Exeter Pool House
- 3) Fox Chase Gazebo/Carrvale Park
- 4) Battlefield Rd and Chadfield Rd.

The Walk is expected to begin about 0900.

Near the end of the event, one or two hams are desired to walk the route to support "drag riding" as there are likely to be some slow movers on the walk.

The event should be over by about 1500 and some demobilization is probable before then.

Service and Support:

Participating LARG/ARES members should insure that they have extra batteries, water/fluids, snacks, and sunscreen for this event. No external support is expected. Self sufficiency is the operative word for this event.

Command and Communications:

Net Control (K4LRG) will be established at Ida Lee.

Primary Net frequency will be 443.225 (+5MHz Offset) PL tone 103.5.

Talk-around frequency in the event of a repeater failure is 443.225 MHz simplex.

Lost Comms is 446.015 Simplex.

Expected traffic levels are such that the net will start out as a free net, although if traffic increases, it will be changed to a directed net.

Emergencies will be passed directly to 911 via cell phone, if available, otherwise to net control. Note location, and nature of the emergency before calling it in.

When making an emergency call, so specify in your first transmission i. e. "This is K4XYZ, EMERGENCY, OVER". If an Emergency call is sent the net will automatically become a directed net. Stations not involved in the emergency will stand by until Net Control terminates the emergency.