

24 Hour Go-kit Discussion Guide

- Mission duration 24 hours or less

- Food/snacks
 - Is food being provided or available for purchase
 - Will you have time to close down your station or have to “eat on the go”

- Stay Hydrated
 - Is water and other refreshment available at your location
 - Do you have to provide refreshments for the entire mission duration
 - How will you carry enough water or refreshments

- First Aid
 - Is professional emergency medical response available
 - Does your mission include risk of major trauma injuries
 - Are you assigned to a team or isolated on your own
 - Will you be able to treat yourself for aches and pains
 - Do you need to take any prescription medications during the mission
 - What level of first aid do you feel comfortable providing for yourself

- Illumination
 - Will your emergency communicator mission occur at night or in darkness
 - Will commercial power always be available

- Personnel Protective Equipment and Occupational Safety
 - Does your mission involve a viral hazard
 - Is there a risk of flying debris or sand/dust storms
 - Are biting insects a risk
 - How will you provide sunburn protection
 - Will your mission require you to be near moving vehicles at night
 - How will you provide field sanitation for your hands and face

- Inclement weather
 - Will your mission require you being exposed to bad weather
 - What temperature extremes do you anticipate
 - How will you stay comfortable during inclement weather and perform the mission

- Hand tools
 - What type of tools are needed to make field repairs to your radio station
 - Are there any tools which you find useful in everyday situations

- Establish Emergency Communications Radio Station
 - How will you provide messages to the served agency, CEMP partners
 - What type of formal message log will you maintain
 - How will you record contact and location information for the served agency, CEMP partner's point of contact individuals
 - You will need to complete an ICS-214, or local equivalent, form
 - How will you obtain a copy of the event/incident ICS-205, or local equivalent, form
 - Will you have to provide your own operating location facility or is it provided
 - Does your operating location need to be protected from inclement weather
 - Do you need to provide office supplies

- Communications
 - What radio transceiver(s) are needed to support the event/incident ICS-205 form
 - Can you provide multiple powers source for each radio transceiver
 - Is digital mode communication required
 - Can you adapt your HT to mate with an external base station antenna
 - Does the mission require APRS capability
 - Are you able of recharging your HT's batteries
 - Do you have a hi-gain after market HT antenna
 - Will you provide an external base station antenna
 - Do you have a digital copy of the transceiver user's manual or a cheat sheet

- Credentials
 - Always have a wallet copy of your FCC Amateur Radio Station license
 - Include your ARES group badge
 - Do you have any other State or local municipality issued identification badge
 - Make sure you bring your state issued drivers license