

Amateur Radio will again be represented at the 2021 National Hurricane Conference which will be held this year in New Orleans, Louisiana (<http://www.hurricanemeeting.com>). The conference theme is to improve hurricane preparedness as it has been in past years. All Amateur Radio sessions are free and will be virtual only offered via the Zoom platform and uploaded to Youtube for those that can't attend the sessions live. For 2021, all the Amateur Radio sessions will be on Tuesday June 15th, 2021 from 1030 AM-1200 PM EDT and from 130 PM-500 PM EDT. Each presenter will not only give an overview of their respective group but also how their group handled the significant hurricanes over the last 2 years. Here is the session breakdown:

NHC Session #1 – 1030 AM-1200 PM EDT: Rob Macedo-KD1CY will present on the VoIP Hurricane Net and best practices in SKYWARN Tropical Systems presentation. Bob Robichaud-VE1MBR from the Canadian Hurricane Centre will present on Hurricane Meteorological topics including the last 2 years in review and the forecast for 2021. He will also provide a brief overview of Canadian Hurricane Centre Operations. WX4KEG-Ken Graham, NHC Director will present the importance of Amateur Radio surface reporting.

NHC Session #2: 130 PM-310 PM EDT: Julio Ripoll-WD4R will present WX4NHC Operations, Bobby Graves-KB5HAV will present a Hurricane Watch Net Overview and Bill Feist-WB8BZH will present a SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Radio Network) overview

NHC Session #3: 330-500 PM EDT: Ken Bailey-K1FUG will give an ARRL update. This will be followed by a Q & A session and raffle prizes will be offered.

Amateur Radio presentations will be recorded and online via Zoom and uploaded Youtube post workshop. The Zoom information for the workshop is listed below:

Rob Macedo is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: National Hurricane Conference Amateur Radio Workshop

Time: Jun 15, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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2021 National Hurricane Conference Presenters and Moderator:

- Moderator: Rob Macedo, KD1CY, VoIP Hurricane Net
- Special guest speaker Ken Graham, WX4KEG, Director, National Hurricane Center
- Special guest speaker Bob Robichaud, VE1MBR, Canadian Hurricane Center
- Special guest speaker Ken Bailey, K1FUG, ARRL Assistant Emergency Preparedness Manager
- John McHugh, K4AG, WX4NHC Amateur Radio Station Coordinator
- Julio Ripoll, WD4R, WX4NHC Assistant Amateur Radio Station Coordinator
- Jim Palmer, KB1KQW, VoIP Hurricane Net (Videographer)
- Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, Hurricane Watch Net Manager
- Bill Feist, WB8BZH, SATERN, Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Radio Network
- Rob Macedo, KD1CY, Director of Operations, VoIP Hurricane Net & ARRL ARES Eastern Mass SEC

Detailed Schedule Outline – All Times (Eastern Daylight Time):

1030-1035 AM: Opening Remarks

1035-1100 AM: Canadian Hurricane Centre and Hurricane Meteorological Topics (VE1MBR-Bob R)

1100-1115 AM: Importance of Amateur Radio Surface Reports (WX4KEG-Ken Graham, NHC Director)

1115-1130 AM: Finish Canadian Hurricane Centre and Hurricane Meteorological Topics (VE1MBR-Bob R)

1130-1210 PM: VoIP Hurricane Net Overview & Best Practices in SKYWARN for Tropical Systems (KD1CY)

1210-130 PM: Lunch Break

130-210 PM: WX4NHC Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center Overview (WD4R)

210-240 PM: Hurricane Watch Net Overview (KB5HAV)

240-310 PM: SATERN – Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network Overview (WB8BZH)

310-330 PM: Break

330-400 PM: ARRL Update (K1FUG)

400-445 PM: Moderated Q & A session and Panel Discussion (All)

445-500 PM: Door Prize Raffles