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## OFARC Monthly Meeting Minutes 2025\_0726

The meeting was started by Hal (KG5OIR) at 0905 in the large American Red Cross conference room. There were about 15 in attendance, face to face. No zoom attendance.

Hal led the discussion on emergency preparedness. A number of things were cited that we normally don't think of until a storm is upon us.

Make a checklist so you don't forget something. Prepare a go kit.

Medications - anticipate the need to get you through a couple of weeks without access to drug stores and make sure they are in your go kit. Have an epipen on hand.

1st aid kit - Get a new one or make sure the one you have is ready, refreshed if necessary.

Water - fill containers (including garbage cans) ahead of the storm. Water lines may become contaminated. Don't drink pool water.

Have special clothing available for working outdoors, clearing debris. Include gloves, boots and raincoats.

Beware of flood waters that will likely have snakes and flotillas of ants.

Have cash on hand, no power means credit cards and ATMs don't work.

Have gas in the car(s). Flashlights on hand, all batteries charged.

Make sure your generator is in good working order, clean the carburetor, have adequate fuel for up to 10 days and extra oil that will be needed. Typically need to change oil after every 50 hours of use. Mechanic in a bottle and Sea Foam were recommended.

A very comprehensive list has been prepared by Donald Burger (KG5PFN) that can be found on his website here: <http://burger.com/hurindex.htm>

The discussion ended about 10:00 am

Mark gave us a brief update on various repeaters in the area. The best "go to" repeaters for storm information would be 146.55, 145.17, 147.000. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

*Minutes Recorded by Barry Basile, KG5IRR*