

MARCH OF DIMES
WALK AMERICA – APRIL 29TH 2006
CRANDON PARK, KEY BISCAIYNE

AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING SHEET

1. During the event, I will be on the route with the logistics committee chairperson. Net control will be able to contact me through our frequencies. Net will be on site in the Miami-Dade trailer and will be opening at **7:00 AM**.
2. Unless you have been given an earlier time, please be at your assigned location by **7:30 AM**. Walkers begin at **8:30 AM**.
3. Bring water or something else to drink with you. Lunch will be provided
4. The primary frequency is 146.925, and the alternate will be 147.150. Please DO NOT disclose or discuss these frequencies on the air either before or during the walk. If the repeater on the primary frequency fails, go to the alternate. If back-up does not work, we will switch to Simplex on 146.520. **STRICT** net procedures will have to be implemented in this case as persons from one end of the park will not be able to hear the persons from the other end.
5. Use a headset or earphone on your handheld. Most locations can be very noisy and you may have trouble hearing net control calling you.
6. If you are assigned to one of the Fun Stops: Introduce yourself to the Fun Stop Captain and remind him/her that you are there to provide communications between him/her and the officials at the park. It is imperative that you have good communication with FS captains as there will be a lot of activities at the park and we will need for things to flow smoothly throughout the event. Please communicate if there are too many people at one Fun Stop that are not proceeding on to the next.
7. Use tactical call signs; Fun Stop number.
8. Medical:
 - a. There will be first aid supplies and nurses at all Rest Stops.
 - b. Net Control will be able to contact Miami-Dade or City of Miami Fire Rescue, if necessary.
 - c. If you should witness a problem, please call for Net first and inform them of the situation.
9. There will NOT be trolleys to pick up tired walkers. There is no need for them considering the route and because the event is located on park grounds this year.
10. If something comes up and you are unable to participate, please notify Lissette as soon as possible.
Lissette Matos (KI4DYH): phone (C) 305-898-9118; or e-mail: luckylady777@gmail.com
11. Finally, there will be a lot of hams on the net. It is essential that we all try to minimize frequency congestion and unnecessary chatter so that important calls are not missed. This is a “PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT”, not an “EMERGENCY EXERCISE.” One of the signs of a successful Public Service Event is a total lack of any actual need for communications (i.e., this means that everything went as it should and nothing went wrong.) You are needed at your post just in case there are any problems. Therefore, please transmit only if:
 - a. You have an emergency or other urgent situation.
 - b. Net Control calls you, or directs you to call/respond to another station.
 - c. Your rest stop needs supplies, information, or other assistance.
 - d. You are requesting permission to leave your post temporarily or to secure after the last walker has passed your location.

THANKS YOU FOR YOUR HELP!