

# DCARC

## CHECKLIST FOR SHORT-TERM LOCAL DEPLOYMENT

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This list is very comprehensive for a 'routine' severe thunderstorm spotting activation; however, these can suddenly turn into a full-blown tornado response. Therefore, this checklist is intended to serve as the basis for preparedness for a reasonable worst case scenario on a day-long deployment.

The purpose of constructing a comprehensive checklist is not only to allow you to operate effectively over a day-long assignment in the field, but also to put people in the field with enough resources to help others who may need assistance with their radio equipment.

### Basic gear:

- Extra batteries for HT**
- More batteries for HT (AA-cell battery pack desirable, if available)
- VHF radio (HT or portable mobile radio)
- Large 12v battery, if appropriate (possible long deployment or mobile radio)
- Power supply
- Power cable for external power source (with PowerPole connectors)
- Battery charger
- External speaker/speaker-mic
- Headphones
- Quarter-wave (or better) external antenna; quarter-wave antenna for HT
- Coax
- Coax connector adapters (HT to BNC, HT to UHF, etc.)
- Rope/string to raise external antenna
- ID / credentials
- Cell phone with charger
- Radio owner's manual
- Notebook / ICS-214 forms
- Pens
- Simple tools/spares (screwdrivers, knife, wire cutters, electrical tape, fuses, etc.)

### Personal supplies:

- WATER
- Clothes and footwear seasonally appropriate for outdoor assignment, including raingear.
- Hat
- Medication, toilet paper, drinking water, snacks
- Fill up vehicle with fuel and maintain at least ½-tank

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