

The IslandWalk HOA has purchased a large number of handheld radios (HT) for use by Hurricane Point of Contact (POC) volunteers in the event of an emergency. These radios will be issued to volunteer POCs by their respective Zone Leaders several days in advance of an approaching storm or planned radio exercise for your use. Each Zone Leader has established a procedure for doing this.

The POC HT radios are inexpensive but good-quality two-radios that have been programmed with specific radio frequencies in the Family Radio Service (FRS) band for use at IslandWalk. Each such POC radio has a dash of white nail polish on the face of the radio to identify it as a POC HT. The 16 channel numbers on each POC radio are programmed as follows:

Channel Number	Description of Use
1-8	NOT USED BY POCs. These numbers all default to channel 10
9	IslandWalk community-wide information broadcast. During an emergency event, the CERT Incident Command will broadcast important community-wide information and announcements at 9 am, 1 pm, 5 pm, and 9 pm each day. All POCs should listen for these announcements.
10	Not used. POCs may use this channel to talk among themselves
11	Used ONLY by Zone 1 POCs to communicate with their Zone Leader
12	Used ONLY by Zone 2 POCs to communicate with their Zone Leader
13	Used ONLY by Zone 3 POCs to communicate with their Zone Leader
14	Used ONLY by Zone 7 POCs to communicate with their Zone Leader
15	Used ONLY by Zone 5 POCs to communicate with their Zone Leader
16	Used ONLY by Zone 6 POCs to communicate with their Zone Leader

Please read and heed the attached “**Basic Rules for Effective Two-Way Radio Communications**”. Remember that only 1 person can talk at a time! Each Zone Leader will establish the method of use for POC radios within their zones. Please follow their directions.

Remember that POC radios given to you by the HOA (via your Zone Leader) are HOA property. Please return them promptly after a disaster event or training drill as directed by your Zone Leader. While the radio is in your custody, you are responsible for charging the radio with the supplied charger. When your radio is not needed, turn it off to conserve battery power. Remember that transmitting with your radio uses 4 times as much battery power as just listening. **SO**, talk less; keep your transmissions short, concise, and to the point.

Please return your radio FULLY CHARGED!