

## Go bag essential contents

As part of the July 2020 training, we challenged members to list 20 essential items that should always be carried by Carrollton ARES/RACES amateur radio operators. Based on the popular vote, here are the top twenty-three (there was a tie for the last few items).

HT—dual band, 5W	
HT—spare batts	
Pens/pencils	
Note pad	
ARES/RACES badge	
Flashlight/head lamp	
Manuals/quick reference	
HT—earphone/headset	
Gaffer/duct tape	
Phone	
First aid kit, personal	
PPE mask/gloves	
HT—DC power cord	
Mag mount antenna	
Tools/multi-tool	
Personal meds	
HT—antenna to SO-239	
Zip ties	
Local repeater list	
Compass	
Driver's license	
Phone charger	
Water	

Resources:

MARS website ARES/RACES links – N5TIM's Public Service Information – EMCOM  
 See QST, August, 2020 – page 67, Public Service – “Go-Bags for Short Deployments”