

Thank you North Banks Rotary Club!!!!

We recently realized that we needed to upgrade our repeater system in order to be able to have reliable communications over Dare County and to serve should we be needed in an emergency. In order to do that, with help from the Outer Banks Community Foundation, we were able to upgrade our system and provide expanded ham radio communication ability over all of Dare County. With the installation of newer digital technology, we realized that a lot of our local ham operators did not have the ability to use the newer technology that could be very useful during emergencies, such as hurricanes.

With help in the form of a grant from the North Banks Rotary Club we were able to purchase 24 handheld radios and an extra battery for each. These radios are kept at the Dare County EOC and can be distributed to our ham operators should we have an emergency when normal communications fail. Our upgraded repeater system allows us to have handheld coverage over almost all of Dare County, and these radios come with batteries, so they should be able to help with communications should normal systems fail.

Thank you North Banks Rotary Club for your help. This donation could mean a lot should we have an emergency with major damage to our communication infrastructure.

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