

Hello,

I understand some of the problems can not be corrected by the FCC. For instance, 3 days after Katrina hit, I was turned back, as if un needed. I had a full Amateur radio station, including SCS modem licensed for Pactor III, an Extra class Amateur license, and personal support for more than a week. Popular feeling amongst my peers was that the Illinois plate on my vehicle was the main reason.

The above needs to be dealt with by another agency or agencies.

As to Amateur radio, back home I set my station up to assist in communications from afar.

The main thing I noticed, was the difficulty in getting a frequency clear enough to use the "AIRMAIL" program on. This is one area that the FCC may well be able to help.

There was much traffic needing handled from the Gulf area. Once the cell phones were working again, I was able to call to Coast Guard rescue teams and inform them of several stranded people.

A few weeks later, I was asked to go to the Gulf with a Salvation Army "Canteen", to assist with their "feeding" program. By this time the cell phones were working fairly well. Regular telephones were still down and not working. So this still caused lots of inconvenience for the affected area. Any ability to have gotten them repaired sooner, would have been very helpful.

Thank you for "listening",

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