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# Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters ARRL Section: **South Texas** Month: **January** Year: **2018**AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 1515 Change since last month: 0

# DECs/ECs reporting this month: 36

# of ARES nets active: 199 # with NTS liaison: 58

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5LGV K7MAL KB5DTS KD5BJ KE3D KE5FGA KE5HAM KF5ACH KF5NIX KF5OYI KF5VIK KG5DLD KK5LO KW5PA N5LVQ N5MDT N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW/XYL N5UMJ N5WKM W5DY W5KKL W5MWI W5SRG WB5UZZ

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	144	Person hours:	1850
Number of public service events this month	35	Person hours:	1639
Number of emergency operations this month	5	Person hours:	144
Total number of ARES operations this month	383	Person hours:	3632

# SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content San Antonio Radio Fiesta as presenter for Hurricane Harvey review Begin work on ICS-205 for all STX counties STX SEC Report generation

# ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.

Began moving Depot database and webpages to new VPS account.

Set up Depot tools access for new VPS account.

Got all Depot pages to load and run.

Worked on Depot map layout, mysql workbench, htaccess changes, service scripts.

Responded to SEC question regarding ARRL annual stats.

Finalized STX Depot pages and database on new host account.

Reviewed status for activity after host-change. Added some logging actions.

Reviewed paging activity for Jan 14-15. Gathered stats and sent note to the page-senders about the bounced instances.

Responded to questions and comments about paging activity.

Prepared and sent weekly paging/bounce report to paging-initiators. Removed Depot data from old shared-host account.

### ASEC Broadband

The area has a broadband meeting to coordinate the ideas between Wilco and Travis/COA. The meeting was chaired by Lee Cooper and had the two ECs and the major player in both counties. The meeting produced a weak agreement of coordination and a direction to proceed. It this respect it was a success. Travis county had several meetings with the head of Austin HSEM to map out where ARES is going in 2018 and where we could be of more use. We had a major internet outage caused by poor planning and poor communication from Spectrum (the ISP). This took a number of manhours by the county and ARES to fix.

# DISTRICT 01

EC Brazoria County finally a link that works! LOL

EC Fort Bend County Member support for bike ride and for Houston Marathon.

# EC Galveston County

The tests and training include 40 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members working on emergency communications procedures and equipment for the city of League City and 119 hours of volunteer time by 4 ARES members working on 12 emergency Go-Kits for the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management.

# DISTRICT 02

# EC Houston County

Due to the local electric company losing all power in Crockett, we were asked to set up our command vehicle at the county sheriff office and jail so they could dispatch from the bus. The new generators at the so/jail would not run. This was one of the nights when the temp was below freezing and raining and sleeting. We set up about 10:00 pm . The power came back on about 1:00 am. We were asked to stay in place until 3:45 am until a generator repairman arrived on scene. Despite the weather conditions everything went smooth.

# EC Walker County

Pipeline Seminar for responders. One hour presentation. 5 ARES attended. Skywarn Program. 2 hours. 3 ARES present.

DISTRICT 06

EC Real County

First month as EC. Once repeater is up in Vanderpool hope to increase membership and activity.

# EC Uvalde County

First month as EC. Once repeater is up in Vanderpool hope to increase membership and activity.

# DISTRICT 07

### DEC

Travis & Williamson have each purchased Comm Trailers from Texas Military Forces at auction. Emergency operations capability has significantly expended.

# EC Lee County

Public event was meeting with Lee County Judge Paul Fisher to introduce LC ARES him and modify the Lee County Emergency plan to include Lee Co ARES. This is the first of a series of future meetings.

# EC Travis County

TCARES secured two emergency communications trailers from the Texas Military Forces through AARC.

# EC Williamson County

WCARES has purchased a new Emcomm Trailer at Auction at the end of January. We won the bid at \$7600 for a trailer originally configured for the Texas Military Services as a TICP trailer at a cost of many times what we paid. 12KW Onan Diesel Generator, 40' pneumatic mast. configured for Command and Emcomm. Will be outfitting with coms gear now to create a fully deployable unit over the next month. Update on meeting location. WCARES lost incredible assets in Silent Keys this month. one was N5OUJ, Old Uncle James. World War II vet. incredible NTS member that was our NTS liaison. JOhn Stendhal, W5NZE is filling that spot now. Also lost Al Kirchner, long time WCARES member. both will be missed. WCARES is moving our monthly meetings to the City of Georgetown EOC facility beginning on Feb. 8, 2018. City Emergency Manager is our host. Additionally, WCARES is embarking on a series of exercises to determine the best way to employ HF emergency comms voice operations at 25 miles or less. further than VHF siimplex, shorter than most NVIS. Developing this to support county operations for 911 dispatch, POD & Logistics support, in case of long term power outage or destruction of local repeater assets due to disaster. This has created quite a stir of interest with served agencies like Red Cross, and County Emergency Management. Red Cross members will be operating with us on this exercise. --- WCARES had two SKYWARN activation this month for support of Wilco Emergency Management for Winter Weather support.

# DISTRICT 09

# EC Jasper County

Held on air ARES training in Conjunction with WLARC club in Leesville. Lost one member, gained another for zero net gain.

EC Newton County

See Jasper County report for remaining information.

EC Sabine County

Finished with FEMA this week! Bugs in Public Safety system fixed! Now I can get back to Amateur Radio. Lots of plans to expand our organization this year.

DISTRICT 10

EC Calhoun County
Testing and training on EOC Equipment

EC Goliad County
No Activity

DISTRICT 12

EC Guadalupe County Tejas Trails Bandera 100K

DISTRICT 14

DEC

WebEOC monthly login training District 14 meeting Jan 5 for Marathon STX HF Net control Jan 15 Houston Marathon weekend Transtar Digital meeting KB2WF

EC Harris-NE County

Question: NE Harris County should list a total of 82 members not 84 as noted in this data base.

January was a busy month. Houston Marathon and 5K contributed to volunteer person hours this month.

EC Harris-NW County

- 1. 26% of HAM support for Houston Marathon came from Houston NW
- 2. Two members completed the DPS/DHS COMMEX exercise for both COML and  ${\tt COMT}$
- 3. Good Digital activity with 96 total check-ins

EC Harris-SW County

Houston Marathon organized by SW team member Lee Gaspard, WA5QXE, was a huge success. 12 SW team members participated. Event officials recognized and thanked all hams for our participation.

145.19, our primary repeater, is back on the air running with emergency power and good coverage.

The Memorial Hermann hospital system is putting a renewed emphasis on amateur radio disaster teams. We potentially have a huge district-wide recruitment effort coming up.