# Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters ARRL Section: South Texas Month: June Year: 2017 AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 1542 Change since last month: 7

# DECs/ECs reporting this month:42

# of ARES nets active:179 # with NTS liaison:42

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV AF5EK K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5RIK K7PGC KA5GIL KB5DTS KB5RSV KD4HNX KD5CQ KD5URB KE5FGA KE5HAM KE5PWJ KE5WPY KF5ACH KF5DDV KF5NIX KF5OYI KF5VIK KG5DLD KK5LO KM5MK N5MDT N5MGC N5MTX N5SBN N5TQ N5TW N5TW/XYL N5UMJ N5WKM NV5C W0HIP W5DY W5IM WB5UZZ WB8FVB

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	129	Person hours:	3075
Number of public service events this month	72	Person hours:	1507
Number of emergency operations this month	4	Person hours:	300
Total number of ARES operations this month	384	Person hours:	4882

#### SEC

- 1. Work on STX Webpage updates of ARES content
- 2. STX SEC Report generation
- 3. TS Cindy preparation 6/20-6/22

## **ASEC Web**

Cleaning up malware only to have it pop up again took a lot longer than I thought to clean up.

## **ASEC Other**

Monthly review & stats.

Study, monitoring and cleanup after malware attack on arrIstx.org site. Fixed up or verified webpages, database, email accounts, ftp account, cron job, documents and pictures, remote access (filezilla, putty, mysql workbench), backups. Handled message about "deprecated" feature by revising php.ini control file.

# **ASEC Digital**

training conducted at GALVESTON COUNTY
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (GCECG)
Also Assisted George Flecther and 3 others with Winlink issues.

#### **ASEC Advisor**

A light month for me. I did participate in the hurricane drill by linking into the Allstar network with our backup repeater but demonstrated I could have linked in our two club/ARES repeaters for Williamson county in.

#### DISTRICT 01

## **EC Fort Bend County**

4 weekly nets with training. Field day total involving deployment of RCU to George Ranch Park. Set-up, operate field day on HF and VHF, and return to OEM. Included 10 members, and 5 non-members. All operations on generator and short period on backup batteries after start of quiet time in camping area.

# **EC Galveston County**

Includes 24.5 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members supporting the development and implementation of emergency communications equipment and procedures for the city of League City, and 28 hours of volunteer time by 2 ARES members working on the development and assembly of 12 emergency communications go-kits for Galveston County's Office of Emergency Management.

#### DISTRICT 05

## **EC Brazos County**

Members worked at the CEOC, Red Cross and shelters to handle messages for the Hurricane Charlie Exercise. Message were sent to the SOC, Red cross offices and CEOC. Messages also sent to regional Red Cross offices.

## **DISTRICT 06**

#### **EC Kerr County**

Field Day @ Our Lady of the Hills High School Athletic Field 5A STX + GOTA

#### DISTRICT 07

## **EC Hays County**

Working with Caldwell Co. EM to establish an Amateur Radio Capability at his office/EOC. Plan to apply for grant funding to acquire the equipment. Worked with Hays Co. on Amateur Radio Antenna and cable requirements for the new combined 911 center.

#### DISTRICT 08

### **EC Burnet County**

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#### DISTRICT 09

## **EC Jasper County**

Counted field day as a public service event...it it don't qualify, you can remove the man hours...we had lots of visitors asking about ham radio. Great field day for the W5JAS Jasper club.

### **EC Jefferson County**

Jefferson Co ARES participated in the "Hurricane Charlie" Exercise on June 6-7. Deployed two operators to DDC15 in Beaumont. One additional operator deployed to evacuation staging area providing comms directly to DDC15. Established comms to all participating local county EOC's including Walker Co EOC. Also established comms to Lufkin & Houston DDC as well as Houston TransStar. Made contact and received acknowledgement with SOC using Winlink to Kevin Lemon. ARES was able to test HF capability while facility diesel generator was in use. HF was not affected. Kirk Mahaney N5WKM

## **EC Newton County**

See Jasper County for comments.

# **EC Orange County**

Public Service Event was Spindletop Spin Bicycle Ride (June 3rd) with 4 courses ranging from 106 miles, 52 miles, 29 miles and 13 miles in Jefferson and Hardin Counties. Used 24 radio operators to support the event with 10- SAGs, Net Control Station, Beaumont PD and 6 Rest Stops.

Orange ARES group participated for 2 days(June 6&7) in the Hurricane"Charlie" Evacuation Exercise with activation of the Orange Co. EOC and providing comms. with DDC 15, SOC, Traffic nets, CERT group and the local Evacuation processing point in Vidor, Texas.

# **EC Tyler County**

Tyler County ARES participated in the Hurricane Charley Exercise in early June. We conducted operations out of the Emergency Operations Center in Woodville. We tested our Call Tree Notification System and conducted and emergency net. 18 Radio Operators were dispatched to 7 points of distribution located throughout the county. Communications was successfully established from each POD to the EOC. The exercise was an excellent learning experience and overall went well. We will be submitting an after action report when it is finalized later this month. Happy Independence Day! Praise God! Let freedom ring!

## **DISTRICT 10**

DEC Calhoun County
We put in 2 solid days for field day

#### **EC DeWitt County**

Three(3) members operated at two (2) checkpoints for the Texas Water Safari this month.

EC Goliad County
No activity

**EC Matagorda County** 

Note 1: Training hours are based on .25 hr/operator for each net session. An additional 25 hours was included for ARES Members participating in Field Day activities.

#### DISTRICT 12

#### **EC Atascosa County**

Phil suffered a stroke on Jun 27. He had just recovered from a mild one he had in March. He is resigning as EC of Atascosa Co. and has notified its members in hopes that one would step up to take the position.

## **EC Guadalupe County**

Texas Water Safari

#### **DISTRICT 14**

#### DEC

- 1. WebEOC monthly login training 06/07 (25 Participants)
- 2. Transtar work by KB2WF
- 3. Hurricane Charlie Regional Exercise 06/05-07 (3 Participants)
- 4. D14 monthly meeting 6/19 (30 Participants)
- 5. TS Cindy preparation 6/20-622
- 6. Field Day @ Cy-Fair 06/24 (6 Participants)

#### **EC Harris-NE County**

NE Harris Cty Dist. 14 ARES: Great Field Day for our unit. 350 person hrs. additional Stats to follow. John Stratton N5AUS ARRL was among the 69 visitors and radio operators that arrived during the 24 hr. Field Day operation. Bruce Paige KK5DO and others made a Satellite contact along with other contacts on Voice, Digital and CW. Over 12 persons assisted on Friday for antenna set up; weather was hot. Bernard KF5TRD supplied water and ice for antenna set up; which was greatly appreciated. John N6ZP did another great job of Field Day management and we all thank him for his efforts. There was No emergency call outs during the month which we are thankful of. But Field Day illustrates the fact that we can provide emergency comms during an emergency if ARES is need.

## **EC Harris-NW County**

Listing of drills, tests and training sessions

- 1. Regional Exercise Hurricane Charlie 06/07 Participants 4 24 hrs KE5FGA, K5TBN, KB5JTJ, KD5CQ
- 2. Resource Request for Methodist Hospital West Houston 06/15

Participants 2 4hrs KE5FGA, KD5CQ

3. Resource Request for Tropical Storm Cindy 06/21-22

Participants 8 16hrs KE5FGA, KD5CQ, KB5JTJ, KW5PA, KG5IRM,

N5TCB, AG5GQ, K5SEK

4. PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Hurricane Workshop 06/03 Participants 4 41hrs KE5PBM, AE5PA, WD5JRD, KF5MVP

## EC Harris-SE County

ARES activation for Tropical Storm Cindy canceled before the first activation shift.

# **EC Harris-SW County**

- 1. Supported the Hurricane Charlie practice evacuation exercise. AEC Allyson Wells, KE5JBW led team efforts with other members. Deployed with equipment and staffed an evacuation site.
- 2. Prepared to staff Harris County OEM for Tropical Storm Cindy but stood down as the danger passed.