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

Total number of ARES members:1555 # DECs/ECs reporting this month:31 # of ARES nets active:157 Change since last month:6

# with NTS liaison:61

# Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV AF5EK K5BV K5DDM K5LGV K5RIK K7MAL KB5DTS KD4HNX KD5BJ KE5FGA KE5HAM KF5MOH KF5NIX KF5OYI KG5DLD KG5JRA KK5LO KW5PA N5MGC N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW/XYL N5WKM W0HIP W5DY WB5UZZ

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	79	Person hours:	2057
Number of public service events this month	36	Person hours:	2115
Number of emergency operations this month	5	Person hours:	56
Total number of ARES operations this month	277	Person hours:	4228

# SEC

Work on STX Webpage updates of ARES content STX SEC Report generation

# ASEC Web

Created a few new menu items, updated the STX ARES Leadership page, created backups and saved them to my local PC. Also started re-learning Winlink as we will have a hospital exercise in Nov and we need to send a few HICS-213 and HICS-254 forms.

# ASEC Other

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

Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.

On Documents page, made documents now sort in date order, so that new items can be easily recognized.

# **DISTRICT** 01

# EC Galveston County

Drills, tests and training hours include 30 hours by 3 ARES members supporting emergency communication development and support for the city of League City, plus28 hours by 3 ARES

members in support of the Galveston County Emergency Communications Go-Kit development.

# **DISTRICT 02**

EC Houston County Good turnout for field day. Had some new folks that learned a lot and really pitched in. Although it was hot during the day it cooled off at night. It was a enjoyable weekend for all. Lots of plans being made for next year.

# **DISTRICT 03**

EC Hidalgo County Our ARES staff handled welfare checks during a flood event.

# **DISTRICT 05**

# EC Brazos County June was a slow month. Members encouraged to check their station for emergency preparedness with testing of emergency power. Asked members to continue to work on their ARES Task list.

EC Grimes County Did ARRL Field Day with Grimes County Amateur Radio Group

# DISTRICT 06

# EC Kerr County Training hours was Field Day Hours. Ran as 3A this year with slightly over 600 contacts. Used a communications trailer as our GOTA station.

# DISTRICT 07

# DEC

Hays, Caldwell, & Bastrop not reporting. Unable to reach Hays EC.

# EC Lee County

Participated in Williamson County Fire Assessment event on 6/16/18 and (from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm roughly, plus travel time) and to Touch - a - Truck event (12 hours) on 6/23. Talked to County Judge to update him and set up an appointment in July. Served as Bastrop ARES net control twice. Participated in a demonstration/lecture of portable antenna with Travis Co ARES.

# EC Travis County

12 members completed ViaSat training to learn how to set up satellite internet connections for 125 computers during disaster operations.

During Field Day the TCARES Emergency Communications Trailer Gen Set supplied auxiliary power for trailer HF and VHF radios plus 4A radios in two adjacent buildings for 30 hours including setup testing.

# EC Williamson County

WCARES Public Emcom Trailer Debut in June. WCARES participated in a Touch-A Truck 2018 event at Wolf Ranch Shopping Center in Georgetown Texas, on June 23rd. Yes, that was Field Day. We were invited by Wilco EM and the Shopping Center Management company. WCARES colocated with Wilco Emergency Communications and Emergency Managment, and also a Fund Raiser with a Shaved Ice company which provided snow cones to the public using our power and then made a nice donation to WCARES. There were about 40 trucks there from First Responders, to Emergency Comms, to TEXSAR to Army transport and construction equpment. Fabulous public draw. Over 1000 people came by to see our Emcomm trailer and deployed HF antennas over about 3 hours. We had HF radios with a special event call sign as a GOTA station. Many participated. Picked up two new ARES recruits, and at least one working on license. PIO David Boren, WJ1Q distributed a press release to over 80 news companies/organizations. Made the rounds with several served agencies and showed our assetts, expanded our served agency relationships (Georgetown Police Dept) and added another. 12 WCARES members postponed or gave up their Field Day to make this event possible. Awesome Crew. We have already been invited to next years repeat event, anytime we want to use the parking lot for public service events, and to participate in the Georgetown Police Field Day event in April 2019.

This month also saw one SKYWARN event where our Net provided multiple inputs to the NWS via NWS Chat.

WCARES also participated in the Wilco Widfire Abatement survey teams supporting Emergency Management across the county for a one day event plus training on their new phone APP for disaster assessment.

# **DISTRICT 08**

# DEC

1. Travel to/from California and attend Red Cross sponsored GIS training mapping academy for emergency management use. Total time 54 hours. Preparation for class 12 hours.

# **DISTRICT 09**

EC Jasper County Had a good field day 2018.

EC Jefferson County Removing inactive ARES members monthly.

Kirk N5WKM

EC Newton County See Jasper County for details.

EC Orange County Continued work at Orange County EOC for HF radio repairs and antenna installations. Radio Room is a work in progress.

**DISTRICT 10** 

DEC

Kevin McCoy contacted me about a disaster response in Karnes County due to an e4xplosion at an abandoned Wal-Mart. There is no EC in the county and to my knowledge, no ARES members ..... Kevin did not provide a number of man hours, but none of it appeared ARES related.

EC Calhoun County Two members participated in the ARRL Field Day event

EC Goliad County No Activity

**DISTRICT 13** 

EC Dimmit County Dimmit County and Zavala County are the same unit

DISTRICT 14

DEC WebEOC monthly login training June 6 Field Day June 23

EC Harris-NE County Net increase of 1 member, lost 1, gained 2. Field Day ops very well attended at new venue at Humble ISD. EC KF5VIK has stood down and new EC being sought.

EC Harris-NW County Net participation and digital check in activity holding constant despite summer vacations. Dodged the first named storm in the Gulf. Weather has been very calm, with Tropical Convergence Zone well south. Training continues to be sure we are ready if the weather turns.

# EC Harris-SW County

11 SW members participated in the Extreme Weather Ready Expo in June, providing a strong turnout to support the event. On the nets, we are reminding the team that hurricane season is

upon us and it's time to think about go-kits, what it means to volunteer, what it means to participate, and to always put personal safety first.

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