Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters

ARRL Section: South Texas    Month: August    Year: 2019

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 1687  Change since last month: 11

# DECs/ECs reporting this month: 35
# of ARES nets active: 143  # with NTS liaison: 46

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AE5VV K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5LGV K5RIK K5WEL K7MAL KB5DTS KB5UJM KD4HNX KD5BJ KD5JBT KE5FGA KE5HAM KF5ACH KF5NIX KF5OY1 KG5JRA KG5RXG KW5PA N5LVQ N5MDT N5MTX N5SBN N5TQ N5TW N5TW/XYL N5WKM NT5CC W5KKL WB5HJV WB5TAD WB5UZZ WD5H

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month 139  Person hours: 2509
Number of public service events this month 38  Person hours: 844
Number of emergency operations this month 2  Person hours: 188
Total number of ARES operations this month 322  Person hours: 3539

SEC
Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content
STX SEC Report generation
New EC for Bexar County Appointed – KB5UJM
New EC for Harris County SE Unit Appointed - WB5TAD
New DEC for Harris County Appointed - WB5HJV
Attended Austin Summerfest Aug 3
Tour de Goya Bike Ride Aug 17
ARES HF Net Control Duty Aug 19

ASEC Web
Performed updates, added new article(s), made and downloaded backups.

ASEC Other
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.
Fixed more instances of bug due to change from PHP 7.0 to 7.1.
Studied user report that emails were not being received and fixed bug where CC: was not getting added to monthly reports and other Depot emails.
Fix bug where mail attempted to send to blank CC: item.
Fixed bug where phone-entry errors on profile page still showed as errors, even after user had fixed them. This prevented registration from being submitted.

ASEC Advisor
Winlink and repeater support activities.

DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County
Quiet month. Training on nets and stand-by for heavy weather.

EC Galveston County
The hours for drills, tests and training include 4 ARES members volunteering 30 hours in support of the emergency communication equipment for the city of League City. 6 ARES members supported a VEC test session, and two ARES members worked on the Galveston County Emergency Communications Go-Kits. In a rare event, there were no Public Service Events scheduled during the month of August.

EC Waller County
36 voice 20 digital

DISTRICT 02

EC Walker County
8-28-19 Meeting-Discussed digital operations. 2m SSB for local operations and P2P digital. Encouraged operators to complete FEMA independent study for IC 100 and NIMS 700. ANYONE THAT MAY READ THIS THAT HAS TRIED 2M SSB DIGITAL P2P, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 936-581-5565. 

DISTRICT 03

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County
Members brought question on task book and made powerpole connections. Ask members to send Winlink messages to each other. Several hospital radios were inspected. Worked with several at the CEOC Aug. 30th.

DISTRICT 06

EC Medina County
Medina County ARES net, simplex operation for mapping coverage of county in event that repeated is down.

DISTRICT 07
DEC
Wilco continues to be an integral component with Emergency Management. Members now on activation roster with EOC and functioned well in an OEM drill in August. More regular drills planned.

EC Caldwell County
All hours and participation are reported under Hays Co.

EC Lee County
Prepared and finished PSC Go kit, and training about a possible hurricane. Started drafting procedure for Lee County in case of emergency and prepared a generic EAP for weather related incidents. Conducted LCARES monthly meeting and invited John Peek KF5ZMD to present a training. Attended SummerFest, EmComm meetings, and monthly meetings with other ARES groups, a member studied FEMA basic classes, and another passed COML class. Drafted MOU with WC-ARES, tested LCARES go kits, worked with K5GRG on switch for a go kit battery, investigate further issues with 501 c 3 for LCARES, met with public officials a couple of times to organize a meeting with LCARES to discuss procedures and LCARES service to Lee County agencies.

EC Travis County
TCARES acquired VHF/UHF jump kits from CTECC. We will give one to Lee County and one to CATRAC. TCARES will keep one. The kits will need refurbishment. In the middle of designing new website. TCARES was donated WP Engine hosting for 1 year. Planning for SET.

EC Williamson County
This month had group training on HF radios in county go kits. These are Yeasu FT-891. Nice transmitter, portable, lots of features. WCARES Red Team Members joined a Williamson County Emergency Management training event where entire ESOC IMT responded to a page out call by Emergency Manager. The exercise was about power out in one of our larger cities for over 12 hours and continuing. Hospital generator running out, and evac of critical patients. Our placed was to create the ICS 205 communications plan, and support for shelters and one hospital. Transfer of patient data from hospital via ARCHES stations, and coms back to ESOC and emergency manager from remote locations.

DISTRICT 08

DEC
1. Prepare Red Cross planning for El Paso mass casualty response
2. Prepare Red Cross advance material for Dorian response

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County
Visit club web page for club updates. w5jas.org
2 new hams and 1 upgrade over the last 2 months

EC Newton County
See Jasper country for full report
EC Orange County
Continued work and updates at new VHF repeater in Vidor, TX.
A UHF repeater is expected to be installed at Vidor, Tx site, soon.

EC Sabine County
Extremely busy summer with Public Safety radio programming, installations and repairs for LE, VFD & Commissioners. Rehab of 245 ft. Public Safety tower in full swing. Collected enough spare equipment to install a VHF repeater on this tower for West Sabine ISD. They have not had repeater service in the schools or buses for 7 years. Will be moving ARES 440 repeater to this tower with a salvaged Andrew DB type antenna and 170 ft. of 7/8 Heliax from prior tower rehab project. Finally, some amateur radio accomplishment! Gifted contents of an Extra Class operators shack that he will no longer be able to use. Too many items to list, still going thru boxes.

EC Tyler County
Tyler County ARES reviewed the updated wide area repeater network plan and discussed additional hardware upgrades to the WD5TYL Repeater to enhance and expand linking capabilities. Members agreed to purchase the additional hardware. A date for hardware installation and configuration will be set for the near future.

DISTRICT 10

DISTRICT 12

EC Bexar County
We have begun the process of professionalizing the amateur radio emergency service program. Although we are volunteers, that does not mean that our people cannot, and should not, meet a high standard of competent training, dependability, and be ready and able to respond to our served agencies. There has been a complete reassignment of emergency coordinator assistant positions, ensuring that person’s background checks are up-to-date, issuance of new and updated credentials, as well as other core administrative and personnel functions.

DISTRICT 13

DISTRICT 14

DEC
WebEOC monthly login training 8/7
District 14 meeting 8/19, George AD5CQ overview gen fuel conversion
Harris County OEM EOC training (101/201) 8/27
ECHO Meeting 8/13 KWSPA TDR presentation
Houston Area Hospital Net w/ training 8/25
D14 NE HC ARES meeting (HJV/LDK attended) 8/9
FEMA TRAINING (IS online courses)
ADEC Linda W5LDK met with Red Cross Senior Disaster Program Dir
Austin Summerfest 8/2 - 8/3
Meeting w/ HCOHSEM Logistics Section Chief Joey Clements 8/16

EC Harris-NE County
301 Total man hours this month for monitoring, studying, reading, working on antennas ARES and TEAC meetings.

EC Harris-NW County
Continued training and preparations. No weather issues this month.

EC Harris-SW County
On-air Winlink training from Linda Kangas, W5LDK was well-received and she is planning more sessions with other units. Memorial Hermann Hospital has asked for the ham radio team to stand down for the rest of the year. We will continue to pursue restarting the team for next year by better integrating it with the hospital disaster preparedness staff. Dave Wells, KD5E is pursuing putting a ham station in at Harris County Constable Pct 5, office of Sheriff Ted Heap, using his relationship with the Sheriff. Harris County EOC sponsored EOC Training for volunteers and several of the team attended. EC Walt Sepaniac, N5TQ attended the ARES leadership meeting at Austin Summerfest and is working on future plans for the ARES team with our leadership.

DISTRICT 15

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