Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters

ARRL Section: South Texas  Month: November  Year: 2019

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 1687  Change since last month: 38
# DECs/ECs reporting this month: 30
# of ARES nets active: 125  # with NTS liaison: 45

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

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month 112  Person hours: 2598
Number of public service events this month 32  Person hours: 774
Number of emergency operations this month 2  Person hours: 12
Total number of ARES operations this month 271  Person hours: 3383

Comments:

SEC
Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content
STX SEC Report generation
NTX-STX-WTX SET Nov 9
Louis Stanton appointed EC for Wilson County Nov 12
ARES HF Net Control Duty Nov 18

ASEC Web
Posted new articles most noteworthy were; AUXCOM classes in Corpus Christi, Harris
Co CERT Rodeo, Move to STXARES and ARRLSTX Groups.io, WGD election results.
Maintained website updates and performed weekly backups.
Admin of user Display Names on the new STXARES and ARRLSTX groups consume
many hours. 217 members to date.

ASEC Other
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.
EC Fort Bend County
Quiet month. Personal training and support to VE session. Added members.

EC Galveston County
The number of hours for Drills, Tests and Training include 18 hours of time volunteered by 3 ARES members in support of development, training and maintenance of emergency communications equipment and procedures for the city of League City. Eleven ARES members provided communications support for the La Porte By The Bay Half Marathon with runners crossing the Fred Hartman Bridge from La Porte to Baytown and back.

EC Waller County
20 voice 11 digital
No net on Thanksgiving

DISTRICT 02
EC Walker County
2 Walker County ARES members worked SET on November 9 from Walker County EOC. 6 contacts made via winlink with responses from city/county/state/university responders. Winmor contact with group in Saginaw, Tx. Checked in 7.285 & 7.290 traffic nets. Interop with MARS station on 60 meters passing requested information from this area to operator. 8 contacts via local ARES repeater. For us, HF bands "folded" around 11 am CST.

DISTRICT 03

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

DISTRICT 06

EC Medina County
SET exercise for STRAC/RMOC Greater San Antonio area

DISTRICT 07

DEC
District 7 membership continues to slowly grow with 15 new members in November. This DEC is assisting with planning for Winter Field Day with Williamson County. I encourage all ARES groups in STX to consider participating in WFD 2020!

EC Lee County
Lee County Ares has now opened a bank account, modified and fixed go kits, and kept
amending and tuning its bylaws. Has officially welcomed a new member who already participated to the meetings, but just studied and obtained his tech license. Held its monthly meeting and participated at EmComm meeting and planned future activities and trainings.

EC Travis County
Held annual SET working with Army MARS (Critical Infrastructure), ARCHES (3 local hospitals) and State Op Center. KG5DWX held training after SET on M110A with 10 ARES operators.

EC Williamson County
WCARES had one Emergency Event in November. It was for the potential of Icy Winter Storm. Several of us that operate with the Williamson County IMT were on a couple conference calls with county, cities, National Weather Service, etc. Fortunately, no ice lasted more than a few minutes. We are in preparation for Winter Field Day at the end of January 2020. Only a couple months away now. Will be camping at a local Corps of Engineers lake, setting up our Emcomm Trailer, and operate about 5 stations. We are using this as more of a fun training event where we keep score, with final evaluation of HF antennas. After this event we will have finally settled on recommended HF antenna for WCARES members. If any of the other ARES organizations in our section are operating, send me a notice to we can make contact. Will make for a bit of across the section training for HF comms.

DISTRICT 08

DEC
Red Cross operations

DISTRICT 09

EC Orange County
Had 7 ARES members participate in the SET that was at a county level only. Practiced P2P Winlink comms and messaging from County EOC and to areas in the county using 20M, 40M, 10M and 6M. Used forms and sent attachments for messaging. A successful learning experience using Winlink Express for P2P comms.

EC Sabine County
Loggers completed clear cut at Pineland tower rehab site without knocking tower down. Impressive! Brush clearing ongoing. UHF repeater components collected and handed off to WD5EFY for repeater/controller coordination. Antennas slated for January install. Also received programming lesson on our 2M repeater during the visit. Thanks Mike! Installed radio, coax and antenna in commissioner's road grader.

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DEC
ECHO repeater upgrades Texas Childrens 11/1
D14 SW UNIT sponsored NVIS workshop at TranStar 11/3
Texas Childrens West Antenna work 11/3
Texas ARES Net (WB5HJV Net control) 11/4
WebEOC monthly login training 11/6
South Texas ARES SET planning meeting 11/6
ECHO Meeting ARES presentation 11/12 (WB5HJV/W5LDK)
Red Cross HQ Houston - radio room/RMS node work 11/7
Texas Childrens Emergency Management Meeting 11/7
South Texas ARES SET 11/9 D14 Harris County
ECHO Meeting ARES presentation 11/12 (WB5HJV/W5LDK)
Training session held on P25 radios at TranStar 11/19
Red Cross HQ Houston - radio room work day 11/23
Houston Area Hospital Net 11/24
147.000 repeater communications test 11/24
Texas Children's Medical Facilities communications test 11/24
Houston Digital Meeting - DMR topics 11/25

EC Harris-NW County
Heavy concentration on Training this month. 12 members completed WebEOC software training at the Harris County EOC. Two members completed the CERT Train the Trainer course.

EC Harris-SW County
NVIS Workshop was held on 11/3 and about 16 members attended. We spent about 6 hours operating. Several people made antennas, and everyone provided good feedback. WP2AHG wrote an article, and N5CFT did a video that we distributed. We participated in the SET and our efforts were led by Gus Bernard, KG5OFB. WebEOC training was held on 11/17 for 3 of our team members. N5TQ completed the ARRL EC-001 training.

DISTRICT 15

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