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

Total number of ARES members: 1566      Change since last month:14  
# DECs/ECs reporting this month: 43  
# of ARES nets active: 216      # with NTS liaison:78

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV AF5EK K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5RIK KA5GIL KB5DTS  
KB5RSV KD4HNX KD5CQ KE5FGA KF5ACH KF5DDV KF5NIX KF5OYI KF5VIK KF5WUH KG5DLD KG5JRA  
KK5LO KM5MK N5LVQ N5MDT N5MGC N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW N5TW/XYL N5UMJ N5WKM NT5CC  
NV5C W5DY W5KKL WB5UZZ WB8FVB

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	86	Person hours:	979
Number of public service events this month	13	Person hours:	628
Number of emergency operations this month	43	Person hours:	3531
Total number of ARES operations this month	358	Person hours:	5138

#### SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content  
STX SEC Report generation  
Hurricane Harvey

#### ASEC Web

Maintained backups, added content to the Home page, continued researching on a better hosting site for the Alert SMS portion of the Vault. Made preparations for Hurricane Harvey.

#### ASEC Other

Monthly review & stats. Implemented request to send notifications to EC for member data changes and for courses taken.

#### ASEC Advisor

Hours were repeater maintenance trips and local Winlink support

>> DISTRICT 01

#### EC Fort Bend County

Hours in support of Fort Bend OEM and Fort Bend SO operations during Hurricane Harvey. Covers the end of August and first two weeks of September. Manned HAM radio post at OEM continuously and SO Command Post. Other hours (not accounted) by members in support of SAR and evac points in neighborhoods and at local churches. Members continue to assist with recovery efforts and at evac centers.

#### EC Galveston County

Includes 282 hours of emergency operations for hurricane Harvey plus 21 hours by 3 ARES members supporting the development and implementation of emergency communications equipment and procedures for the city of League City and 17 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members working on the assembly of 12 amateur radio emergency go-kits for Galveston County's Office of Emergency Management.-

>> DISTRICT 02

#### EC Houston County

Activated EOC three days this month due to storm Harvey.  
Checked out all equipment . Met with emergency management and local public service people for storm plans. also replaced I gate ICU on winlink system.

#### EC Walker County

ARES/CERT operators manned EOC positions to provide support to WC EOC. WC EOC used VHF communications platforms to cover the area. We were not able to maintain HF contact due to manpower restrictions and band conditions except for several 60 meter contacts. After return to Level IV, an AAR will be submitted with the September 2107 report. WC EOC still at level II as of this report 9-3-2017, 1043 local.

>> DISTRICT 05

#### EC Brazos County

Emergency Operations for Hurricane Harvey August 26th to August 31st.

#### EC Grimes County

Was on standby for Hurricane Harvey

>> DISTRICT 07

EC Caldwell County

Have adjusted the ARES members to exclude Hays members and will report them separately.

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EC Travis County

Emergency Operations at SOC, CCG, Red Cross, Harris County TransStar, and Houston NRG Center in response to Hurricane Harvey 2017

>> DISTRICT 08

EC Blanco County

All data is under Burnet County.

EC Burnet County

Blanco County was added to South Texas District 8 and grouped with Burnet and Llano (Highland Lakes ARES). We set a heightened state of situational awareness in anticipation of Hurricane Harvey.

EC Llano County

All data is under Burnet County.

>> DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

Hurricane Harvey caused numerous flood incidents and power outages in Jasper and Newton counties. We lost our main repeaters due to power outages, and had to go to a backup plan with linking secondary repeaters, and getting generators working. Our Tri-County Emergency Coordinator did not request ARES activation, but as EC, I brought our ARES group to a state of "stand-by" with people manning the operating frequencies (both UHF, VHF, and HF) at all times, and did assist in coordination for flooding roads, and power conditions with up to date information in our county using local repeaters and 7290 Traffic Net as a coordination point for passing health and welfare information, and evacuation routes to and from flooded areas and homes. This was complicated by washed out bridges at several locations. A number of Jasper county ARES members were making field observations of conditions and giving reports back to the EC to assist in accurate information. The Jasper County Emergency Coordinator command center was not officially manned by ARES members, but was monitored by government officials on duty there, including the Emergency

Coordinator who is a licensed operator and ARES member. Jasper and Newton county conditions were not as severe as those counties directly south of us, and we were in contact with them to assist if needed. A special thanks to K5PFE, K5JEP, and KG5DLF for assistance to our ARES group, and KA5AZK and the 7290 group for their assistance to all of SE Texas.

Dave, K5DDM  
Jasper/Newton ARES EC

#### EC Jefferson County

Deployed 3 ARES personel on two shifts to assist the Hamsphire FD with water rescues at the request of the Jefferson Co Sheriff's Office.

Held a daily ARES Information Net for 10 days to make sure ARES/RACES/MARS operators had a place to go for the most accurate info available and to prevent misinformation from spreading. This net included ECs from Jefferson & Orange County, ARES PIC Mike Manshack and a radio operator working with EM in Hardin County. Also when available our DEC Brian Cater was part of the daily net.

Kirk Mahaney - N5WKM

#### EC Newton County

See Jasper County report for detail information. Counties are combined for all reporting information.

#### EC Sabine County

If anything TS Harvey showed us how a trained ARES operation would have been helpful, With multiple power outages and flooded roads, early reports would have been appreciated by our Public Safety organizations. We did manage to test equipment and ensure its readiness, but were a long way from being a functional ARES organization. As the EC, that's on me to attract and train new members. As the County EMC I have a pile of FEMA paperwork to navigate and an EOC build to complete. One foot in front of the other and keep marching.

#### EC Tyler County

Hurricane Harvey preparations were made by Tyler County ARES to support our county should the need arise. Our infrastructure remained intact. Tyler County ARES was not activated.

>> DISTRICT 10

#### EC Calhoun County

Tommy AB5AS and Mario WO5O operated the W5KTC Club Station from the EOC Calhoun County TX 24 hours a day for 7 days. Mission was to maintain an alternative communication path to the State DDC-17 located in Victoria Texas and to provide eMail service via HF Winlink if needed. Mission was accomplished.

#### EC Colorado County

Visited the Red Cross evacuation shelter in Weimar Texas (Colorado County). Explained the capabilities of ARES and offered support to the shelter manager. Shelter had electrical power, cell phone service, and phone lines. No additional help was needed.

#### EC DeWitt County

Two (2) members manned the DeWitt County EOC during Hurricane Harvey Operations.

#### EC Goliad County

Activated by Goliad Office of Emergency Management and ready to deploy if needed. Handled one welfare message by phone to Rockport. Handled several other welfare messages by phone. No ham activity between Corpus Christi and Port Lavaca. Monitored HF and VHF/UHF. All power by generator and batteries.

#### EC Jackson County

#### EC Matagorda County

Note 1: Training hours are based on .25 hrs/operator per net session

Note 2: Our operation related to "Harvey" began on 8/25. Matagorda County is within the declared disaster area and experienced tropical storm force winds along with 20 to 35 inches of rain. The Matagorda County EC completed two and sometimes 3 briefings each day on the Bay City 2m repeater with 16 to 21 operators participating from Matagorda, Wharton, Brazoria and Ft. Bend counties. The operators participating in the briefings include many who are not registered with ARES but who volunteered to help their community and fellow hams. Twice a day 2m briefings are still being conducted due to flooding along the Colorado, San Bernard, and Brazos rivers, as well as local tributaries (e.g Caney Creek). Some operators have evacuated, some are on emergency power with their homes or property isolated by floodwater. An estimate of participating ARES member hours for August is included here for these Emergency Operations related to "Harvey". A more complete summary will be included in the September report. Hours include time to collect background information for briefings, coordination with the County EOC or served agencies, and updates provided on the local repeater when evacuation orders or other dissemination of information was required.

>> DISTRICT 12

#### EC Guadalupe County

Tropical Storm Harvey

>> DISTRICT 13

EC Dimmit County

Dimmit County EOC ordered unit on stand by for shelter, but normal communications were never interrupted.

EC Maverick County

EC Zavala County

Please see Dimmit County report as Dimmit County and Zavala County are one unit.

>> DISTRICT 14

DEC

WebEOC monthly login training 08/02 - 20 participants

Transtar preparation work by KB2WF

Wide Area Net 08/26 - 110 participants

Wide Area Net 08/27 - 80 participants

Wide Area Net 08/28 - 93 participants

EC Harris-NE County

Hurricane Harvey activities will be reported next month. Activities continue into Sept. EC was bed ridden by most of month turning over duties to KE5MSE as Hurricane Harvey approached. Atascocita FD EOC was manned by ARES operators who assisted in direction of out of city and state marine assets. NE Harris Cty (Kingwood) was hit hard by the flooding and road closures.

EC Harris-NW County

Hurricane Harvey 08/25/2017 N5TCB, KG5MAQ, KG5NQD,  
KF5MNB, KD5CQ, KG5IRM, WD5JRD, AE5GQ

Hurricane Harvey 08/26/2017 KW5PA, K5SEK, K5TBN

Hurricane Harvey 08/27/2017 KG5IRM, N5EXP,

TO BE CONTINUED IN SEPTEMBER

EC Harris-SE County

Support for Hurricane Harvey. This report is an estimate for the 7 days starting August 25.

EC Harris-SW County

Emergency operations for this month included staffing EOCs for Harris County and City of Houston. We also staffed shelters. I am very proud of the number of SW team members who stepped up during the Hurricane: W5LDK, KT5SR, WP2AHG, N5CFT, WD8RZA, KG5OFB, KG5NQD, KD2DVG, KG5EQB, WT5MW, KG5NOV, N5TQ. Apologies if I missed anyone.