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

Total number of ARES members: 1555                Change since last month: 12
# DECs/ECs reporting this month: 41
# of ARES nets active: 225                # with NTS liaison: 83

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV AF5EK K5BV K5DDM
K5LGV K5RIK K7MAL KB5DTS KD5BJ KD5JBT KE5FGA KE5HAM
KE5MHJ KF5ACH KF5MOH KF5NIX KF5OYI KG5DLK KK5LO KW5PA
N5LVQ N5MDT N5MGC N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW N5TW/XYL
N5UMJ N5WKM W0HIP W5DY W5KKL W5MWI WB5UZZ

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month 87  Person hours: 1759
Number of public service events this month 33  Person hours: 742
Number of emergency operations this month 6  Person hours: 116
Total number of ARES operations this month 351  Person hours: 2617

SEC
Work on STX Webpage updates of ARES content
STX SEC Report generation
Note of Kerr County operation for Llano fire below.

ASEC Other
Fixed bug when entering empty date for equipment inventory item.
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.

ASEC Advisor
I've been chasing an intermittent problem for a while on my relatively new Winlink machine
and this has taken a lot of time... As a backup, I have added a bunch of Bluetooth com ports
and other switching to be able to switch everything over to my main computer in a few minutes.

DISTRICT 01

EC Galveston County
The man hours listed for drills, tests and training include 24 hours by 3 ARES members
supporting emergency communication development and support for the city of League City,
plus 12 hours by 2 ARES members in support of the Galveston County Emergency communications Go-Kits.

DISTRICT 02

DISTRICT 03

EC Hidalgo County
Our ARES members participated in Operation Lone Star, making contact with the SOC. Traffic was also passed using winlink and echolink.

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County
Several members helped take inventory of radio equipment at the EOC. Several members got Skyline HT radios (commercial system) ready to be used by volunteers at a public event. Asked members to attend Austin Summerfest. Asked to schedule the quarterly checking of the Ham equipment in the hospitals. Asked members to send Winlink messages. Showed the members the placement of the Red Cross ham equipment after it moved to a news position in the building.

DISTRICT 06

EC Kerr County
Our duel ARES/Red Cross members deployed with the local chapter to the Llano Wildfire. Communications equipment was taken but not needed for this incident. These members instead supported the Chapter in its canteen efforts.

DISTRICT 07

DEC
Resubmittal with Lee County updates.

EC Caldwell County
Statistics for Caldwell are included in Hays Co Reporting.

EC Hays County
Due to extreme weather, the Antenna mounting at Hays Seton ARCHES has been delayed.

EC Lee County
I met with the Lee County Judge and Emergency Coordinator to discuss a possible demonstration in Lee County with WILCO and WC ARES in the fall 2018 and to recruit Lee Co ham operators for Lee County ARES. I met also with WILCO, Ken Malgren, wearing both WILCO and ARES hats, and Lee County Emergency Coordinator at Wilco for the same, and
Lee Co. Emergency Coordinator was introduced to WC ARES. The exercise was introduced to WC ARES, too. That meeting was followed by another meeting this time in Lee County in which the Williamson County representatives met with Lee County Judge and Emergency Coordinator to discuss the same. Thanks to WC ARES, made progress in securing a frequency for a second Lee County ARES repeater. Now we are in progress to secure the equipment to become operational. Searched and drafted the Lee County ARES Bylaws. Attended TC ARES training on power poles and cross band repeater and progressed in my training by passing 4 of the 7 FEMA classes of the Professional Development Series. Registered to the ARES Connect. Served four times as net control for Bastrop County ARES training net.

EC Williamson County
July was a slow month. Lots of members on vacation in July, including EC on two week vacation. 4th of July week had no activity for ARES this year. WCARES had one SKYWARN activation in July. Had two repeater failures due to weather related causes during SKYWARN net, but net successfully moved to new repeaters both times. Good Net Management and NCS. One activation WCARES placed two members on standby to deploy with Williamson County RMC3 communications vehicle to fire in Burnett county and Wilco ESOC for AuxComs, as per new policy with county. RMC3 was released before we were activated to deploy this event. Lee county Emergency Management Coordinator attended our July WCARES monthly meeting. Joint Exercise for Lee and Williamson County ARES & Emergency Management scheduled for November as BAIT 2018.

DISTRICT 08

DEC
1. Teaching ConOps (ICS) for the Red Cross San Antonio 20 hours
2. Responding to San Marcos Apt Fire disaster for Red Cross 70 hours

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County
Man hours up due to some over the air training after each net on ARES plan and basic training from ARRL material. This training was held in conjunction with the WCLARC (West Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club) in Vernon Parish across the river from Newton County. We link our repeaters during each ARES net which is held each Monday evening at 8pm. We have been doing this for the last 5 years, with good results. It keeps us in contact with our Louisiana neighbors in case of Sabine River flooding or Hurricanes. Several years ago, we lost all bridges below the Toledo Bend dam across the river in our area which made us aware that more training was necessary.

EC Jefferson County
Still working on Jefferson Co ARES member list.

EC Newton County
See Jasper report for man hours and details. Reports are combined for both counties.
EC Sabine County
Apologize for my absence the past few months. Work has required my full attention. Grant for EOC 48 kW generator ripened ensuring no down time for N5SAB station. Dispatch Console grant for Sheriff’s Office broke at same time. New antenna installed on main tower for Interop radio. Have a new ARES member, AF5ET, Extra Class. Todd's expertise will be a great addition. Work status changing to part time in January. More time for Ham on the horizon.

EC Tyler County
Tyler County EC and 3 ARES members participated in the Woodville Teen Police Academy. This was a 4 day event for teen agers sponsored by the Woodville, TX, Police Department. We provided a classroom overview of Amateur Radio, ARES, RACES, emergency operations and a hands on demonstration of radio's and equipment. Teen Cadets had an opportunity to make contacts using handheld radios and a base station. It was a success. We sparked an interest in Amateur Radio and may be gaining several new Ham's.

DISTRICT 10

DEC
Counting the hours for Austin Summerfest

EC Calhoun County
#6 10 man hours testing, maintaining and training on equipment in Calhoun County EOC

EC Goliad County
No Activity

DISTRICT 12

DISTRICT 13

EC Dimmit County
Dimmit County and Zavala County are one unit

DISTRICT 14

DEC
WebEOC monthly login training July 4
NARS Club presentation July 20
Wide Area Net July 29 with 64 check-ins.

EC Harris-NE County
Replacement EC still being sought.
Experiencing usual summer slowdown of events and activities.
Larger participation in weekly nets.
EC Harris-NW County
Continued good participation in Nets and digital check-ins. Training focus on activation and performance during emergencies. Very lucky so far this summer, but we are staying vigilant.

EC Harris-SW County
Communicated to team members that two FEMA training classes, IS100c and IS700b, have been updated. While not required for general members, they will be required for anyone taking formal classroom training like ICS-300, ICS-400, AUXCOMM, COM-L, COM-T, etc.

The WebEOC training exercise for July was not posted until several days after the drill date, which likely impacted the participation level.

DISTRICT 15

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