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

Total number of ARES members:1532 Change since last month:13
DECs/ECs reporting this month:40
of ARES nets active:190 # with NTS liaison:68

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5LGV
K5RIK K7MAL KA5GIL KB5DTS KD4HNX KD5BJ KD5JBT KE5FGA KE5HAM KE5MHJ
KF5ACH KF5NIX KF5OYI KF5VIK KG5DLG KG5JRA KK5LO KW5PA N5LVQ N5MDT
N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW/XYL N5UMJ N5WKM NT5CC W5DY WB5UZZ

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	181	Person hours:	3079
Number of public service events this month	59	Person hours:	1390
Number of emergency operations this month	4	Person hours:	101
Total number of ARES operations this month	434	Person hours:	4568

SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content
STX SEC Report generation
Move Milan County to STX D7 (Effective Apr 1)
Appoint new DEC (KA5HIA) for STX D5 (Effective Apr 1)
Appoint new EC (AC5YK) for Blanco County (Effective Apr 1)

ASEC Web

Updated a few articles on the ARRLSTX site with Paul's name/call and made backups...

ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.
Sent weekly STX Depot bounce reports for pages sent during each week.
Fixed problem on badges page: will now detect and report error when uploading badges picture that is too large to create thumbnail.
Revised technique on badges page to prevent caching when picture is changed.

DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County

Member support for one Triathlon. Supported HAMFEST as traffic control, organizers, VE's for testing.

EC Galveston County

The tests and training includes 28.5 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members working on emergency communication procedures and equipment for the city of League City and 25 hours of volunteer time by 2 ARES members working the 12 emergency Go-Kits for Galveston County Emergency Management

EC Montgomery County

EC Waller County

23 voice 13 digital

K5KZS Bob Arnold SK FEB 25, 2018

DISTRICT 02

EC Houston County

well we are getting ready for the Bear chase marathon in april in Groveton, Tx. Plenty of operators have offered to help. Buss is ready to go. Should be a fun event

EC Walker County

Storm through area on March 18. Extended operations for radio communications for 21 hours.

DISTRICT 03

DISTRICT 04

EC Aransas County

EC San Patricio County

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

EC Grimes County

EC Leon County

DISTRICT 06

EC Bandera County

3 members attend skywarn training this month.

EC Medina County

DISTRICT 07

DEC

All the ECs are doing a great job! Very proud of all of them.

EC Caldwell County

EC Hays County

Continued work on Hays Seton ARCHES installation

EC Lee County

I participated with Williamson County ARES in the March 10 NVIS (Near Vertical Incidence Skywave) exercise (I am not sure if my hours have been counted also by WC-ARES or not); I have made contact with the Red Cross representative for Lee County, Katya Howard. I searched contacts for Salvation Army and Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief, but having realized that they are mentioned in Lee County Emergency Plan without a MOU, I decided not to contact them for the moment. I participated to the AUXCOM class in Austin. I reread sections of the Lee County Emergency Plan regarding communications and made notes for questions for next meeting with authorities here (to be established) and I have explored online the Lafayette Group to pass it along to authorities here. I checked on progress about potential repeaters (Thank YOU WC-ARES!). One repeater is in the phase of being selected and location determined. I started searching and putting together for elements for a go kit. Thanks to Ken Malgren I have a radio in my truck installed (was at the very end of last month - forgotten to report). I attended WC-ARES meeting and I conducted the net for Bastrop Co. ARES, as usual.

EC Milam County

EC Travis County

234 Hours on Trailer Preparation and 4 hours on CATRAC

EC Williamson County

One SKYWARN net this month, Severe Wind, Hail, Rain rates. Input information to Wilco EM and NWS. WCARES Emcomm trailer is coming along. Deployed for an HF Exercise in Wilco at remote locations., Unit was minimally operational at the time, but the 40' mast allowed us to have VHF net control, which otherwise would have been challenging. Tested 7 HF antennas (NVIS type) for communications within county, at LESS THAN 25 miles (designated as HFEX). Preparing for coverage of Shelters, PODS, etc back to Wilco ESOC if repeaters down or extended power outage affecting repeaters. Had reasonable success with 80 and 60 meters. will be running the HFEX again to verify the best antenna systems, then expand it to multiple locations. will document for others to use data. WCARES Emcomm trailer targeted to become operational by April 15. With to dual band stations, HF station, APRS, 700/800 radios (when delivered) VHF Winlink, HF packet Winlink/Winmore?, VHF, UHF, nad 700/800 Interop capable. Looking at installing UHF WCARES portable repeater in unit as well.

Currently repairing antennas and upgrading capabilities at City of Georgetown EOC. Have two persons now with access. Also exploring operating with Civil Air Patrol locally. Looks

promising.

DISTRICT 08

DEC

1. Interview EC candidates, 8 hours (with travel)
2. RC Publicaffairs/PIO training 22 hours plus 8 hours travel (Dallas)
3. RC ICS Plan creation for package bomb response 16 hours

EC Blanco County

EC Burnet County

All data under Burnet County except for number of unique Llano & Blanco Co. Members.
Station at Llano EOC operational. Station at Burnet EOC being moved to Burnet Sheriff Office.

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DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

EC Jefferson County

Public Service Event 2018 Gusher Marathon 26.2 Mile Run, 5K Run, Bicycle Time Trials & Strong Man Challenge. 26 operators covered this event providing communications, providing SAG vehicles, APRS integration in the City of Beaumont EOC tracking SAG's & Turtle location. Great Job by all operators and great support from Orange & Hardin County ARES also.
Kirk Mahaney N5WKM

EC Newton County

See Jasper County for details.

EC Orange County

Public Service Event for March was the support and communications for the Big Thicket Bike Tour in Hardin County.

Used 15-radio operators for the 6-SAGs, 4-rest stops & NCS. It was a successful and safe event.
- Rocky , N5MTX

EC Tyler County

Tyler County ARES Members began FEMA ICS Training with a hands-on Internet based workshop. Members were taught how to obtain a FEMA SID, navigate the FEMA training website, complete online certification courses and take exams. Moving Forward...

DISTRICT 10

DEC

EC Calhoun County

EC Goliad County
No Activity

DISTRICT 12

EC Bexar County

EC Guadalupe County

DISTRICT 13

EC Maverick County

DISTRICT 14

EC Harris-NE County

Attended monthly Dist 14 ARES meeting at HamFest in Rosenberg, TX. Races and Hospital Net check ins performed this month. Digital check ins to weekly nets avg. 7 ARES operators per week.

EC Harris-NW County

Team remains active, nets had 50 participants for 95 total check-ins. Digital activity continues with 35 check-ins per week. Preparations underway for MS-150 in April.

EC Harris-SE County

EC Harris-SW County

The SW team delivered a stellar 200 hours of training and public service this month. Hospital recruiting event at the Greater Houston Hamfest led by Linda WBLDK and Allyson KE5JBW led to numerous potential new members to the expanding hospital team.

Team members participated this month in the Woodlands Marathon, Buffalo Bayou Regatta, No Label Triathlon, Baytown Gator Ride, and Bike Ride for Little Heroes. And prep work for the MS150 has already started!

DISTRICT 15

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