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Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters			
ARRL Section: South Texas		Month: April	Year: 2021
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE			
Total number of ARES members: 1643		Change since last month: 5	
# DECs/ECs reporting this month: 31			
# of ARES nets active: 148		# with NTS liaison: 92	
Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: K0LTB K0YA K5BV K5DDM K5LGV K5RIK K5SEK K5WEL K7MAL KB5DTS KD0RMK KD5BJ KE5FGA KF4WSO KG5IRM KG5RXG KI5FU N5LVQ N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TW N5TW/XYL N5WKM NA5RC NT5CC W3OQ W5ATN WB5TAD WB5UZZ WP2AHG			
Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	126	Person hours:	3032
Number of public service events this month	53	Person hours:	1531
Number of emergency operations this month	21	Person hours:	483
Total number of ARES operations this month	348	Person hours:	5042

SEC
 Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content
 STX SEC Report generation
 Net Control for Texas ARES Net April 19
 4 weekly HF 3873 nets

ASEC Other
 STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.
 Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.
 Gave information to a user who was having trouble logging in.
 Ran report for EC of new members this year in his area.
 Helped user get to the correct site and log on to the Depot.

ASEC Advisor
 Busy month here with time divided between new backup power setups for 2 linked repeaters used by ARES here and testing new Winlink and VARA/VARA FM software.
 Have repeater backup power system under test here using our backup repeater.
 Setup includes 100AH LiFePO4 batteries and solar panels. Our backup systems performed poorly during the winter storm event in Feb.

DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County
 Continued emphasis on Winlink. and offering training as requested.
 21 people provided 52 Winlink messages.
 Also supporting NTS radiograms with 76 people attending WITH 56 NTS Radiograms.
 Have members working on a Houston Area Simplex project.

EC Galveston County

The number of hours in Drills, Tests and Training include 11 hours by 2 ARES members in support of the League City emergency communications system, 33 hours by 8 ARES members in support of the Galveston County emergency communications system, and 16 hours by 4 ARES members in support of the monthly amateur radio VEC test session in League City.

DISTRICT 02

EC Houston County

Provided 7 lead vehicles and radio operators plus a communications bus 3with i operator for Topview sports bicycle race on April 24-25 in Crockett, Tx.

EC Walker County

ARES member served as two-way radio NCS during Covid vaccine clinics held in Walker County. WC CERT provided logistical support to those administering vaccine. Two-way radio used to coordinate the ingress/egress of public to site and observation of public after receiving vaccine.

DISTRICT 03

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

Several members signed up to help with the MS150. I worked with MS150 Support team on using the radio room at the Brazos CEOC. Working on the Red Cross EmComm exercise. Asked members to send Winlink messages and have their Togo kits ready.

DISTRICT 06

EC Bandera County

item 12 should read 18, I could not edit out edit out the zero.

EC Medina County

New member 8 April.

PSE was Tour de Castroville - already reported.

DISTRICT 07

DEC

District 7 continues to be very active with served agencies. Most of the local ARES organizations have been training and getting ready for storm season.

EC Fayette County

Completed FEMA course IS-00317.a, Intro to CERT.

Completed 2-Day CERT Basic Training.

Preparation for 8May Red Cross Exercise: Obtained permission from FC Emergency Manager to set up temporary station at FC-EOC. Coordinated with Lee CARES EC to also operate from Lee County EOC. For Winlink, put RA-40 kit digital modem kit into operation - have all components now for VHF RF.

EC Hays County

working issues with new ARCHES computers.

EC Lee County

April was a very exciting month for LeeCARES.

- The greatest achievement was the approval by the Commissioner Court and the signing of our MOU with the County
- We have been also charged to equip the Lee Co. EOC with radios and antennas.
- We have increased our number of members by 1
- We received generous donations in equipment and money from other operators, our sister WC- ARES, and a local citizen
- We prepared for our first public appearance to be at the Lexington Homecoming, to be held in May
- We finished and adopted our Strategy Plan
- Our monthly meeting was also busy and we enjoyed four visitors
- We worked and finished the AAR of the exercise on the previous month in Precinct 4
- We visited twice with the Sheriff's Office to locate places for antenna, possible tower, and coax
- We worked on brochures, business cards and other promotional material
- We held SKYWARN ® nets and a "sky watch" at night because of expected warning
- Some of us trained for the Red Cross drills, while others studied to upgrade their license and to improve skills, and another was admitted in the NWSChat, becoming officially a SKYWARN ® NC
- We worked to improve our equipment and resolve issues arose with equipment

EC Milam County

held 4 regular weekly vhf nets and 1 winlink/vara fm training.

EC Travis County

SKYWARN nets. Developed plans for upcoming drill.

EC Williamson County

Two SKYWARN nets this month. First one had tremendous damaging hail up to tennis ball size hail. WCARES net submitted over to 3 dozen first person reports to NWS Chat of hail from quarter to tennis ball size. Many of our members had hail damaged home roofs and vehicles in the tens of thousands of dollars. Tracked storm from west to southeast across the county. National Weather Service gave our SKYWARN net participants multiple Thanks and Job Well Done on NWS Chat. Was interesting to watch the storm reports pop up on the map and make it into the local televised news reports on the storm. Spring has arrived in intense earnest. Additionally, WCARES held ITS FIRST IN PERSON MONTHLY MEETING IN 12 MONTHS. Meeting was held as usual in the Williamson County EOC and simulcast on zoom for those not able to attend in person events yet.

Also, submitted a QST article at the request of the ARRL Director of Emergency Management. Was an article that covered the Feb 2021 Winter Weather Event and our participation. Expected to publish sometime after July 2021. One last note. WCARES submitted our After-Action Report to be included in the Williamson County EM AAR that goes to the state of Texas and then FEMA to document our participation in event.

DISTRICT 08

DEC

1. Red cross blue sky 110 hrs.
2. Red Cross Border Ops 240 hrs.

EC Burnet County

We ran two Severe Weather Nets for storm activity in the Hill Country in April. Significant hail with the one storm carried into Travis and Williamson County.

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

As we struggle through some members having COVID, (2 members who both recovered well) and lots of antennas down due to spring storms.....We are still having good monthly club meetings, with an average of 8 members showing up, and we have been VE testing at almost every meeting for new hams and upgrades.

EC Newton County

See Jasper report for details.

DISTRICT 10

DISTRICT 12

EC Gonzales County

Traffic Nets:

Day Time Texas Traffic Nets = 22

Night-Time Texas Traffic Nets = 17

DISTRICT 13

DISTRICT 14

DEC

Drills, tests, and training Sessions: WEBEOC, D14 monthly meeting, Houston area Hospital Net, Earl Pack training, HCOHSEM PPE/Supply distribution.

Public Service Events: ARES Open House Tomball FD, ARES members attending ARES Open House.

EC Harris-NW County

This month was fun preparing for the MS150. Even though it did not happen much of our team used it to prepare their equipment. We still provided the preparation of the event which was great learning opportunity for several of our team members. We have been meeting and have formed a small team of members to assist more with training needs of our unit. I look forward to seeing their influence to impact us being better prepared to serve.

EC Harris-SW County

As Texas opens up from the pandemic, Public Service Events are on the rise.

DISTRICT 15

DEC

Local repeater net on a daily basis. Participated in four HF Ares nets. 2M Four 2Meter simplex nets.

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