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

Total number of ARES members:1537 Change since last month: 9
DECs/ECs reporting this month:37
of ARES nets active:186 # with NTS liaison:84

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: **AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5LGV
K5RIK K7MAL KB5DTS KD5BJ KE5FGA KE5HAM KE5MHJ KF5VIK KG5DLD
KG5JRA KK5LO KW5PA N5LVQ N5MDT N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW/XYL
N5UMJ N5WKM NT5CC W0HIP W5DY W5KKL W5MWI W5SRG 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
BVARC presentation of Hurricane Harvey Recovery

ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.
Changed Milam County from District 05 to District 07.
Fixed bug on Public Service Report page to do sync-work between district & county selections.
Helped user with password issue.
Created excel macro utility to help prepare weekly bounce reports.
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.

DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County

members participated in Pedal the Prairie, Sarcoidosis Walk, MS-150 preps and ride, and Katy Safety Fest. Lost two members due to re-locations.

EC Galveston County

Drills, tests and training hours include 36.5 hours by 3 ARES members supporting emergency communications development and support for the city of League City, plus 17 hours by 2 ARES

members in support of Galveston County emergency go-kit development and 16 hours of support by 2 ARES members supporting the San Leon Fire Department development of emergency communications capability.

EC Montgomery County

Operated Command Center for Gran Fondo Bike Ride, Net Control for Ironman Triathlon & provided operators for both, and provided operators for the MS-150

DISTRICT 02

EC Houston County

Bear chase marathon in Groveton went off without a hitch. No real problems. Only one ambulance run for an over-heated runner.

DISTRICT 03

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

Three members helped with running new coax for the Red Cross ARES Station N5BVR.

EC Grimes County

Gran Fondo Bike Ride and BP MS150 Bike Ride

DISTRICT 06

EC Kerr County

Time mainly spent updating radio room and testing/repairing donated equipment. With the sale of this equipment we will purchase a Flex 6400 for the radio room.

DISTRICT 07

DEC

Hayes, Caldwell, & Milam not reporting.

EC Lee County

On April 7 and 8 I attended FEMA 400 at Wilco

On 4/9/18 I talked for about an hour and 15 minutes with Lee County Judge, Precinct Judge and a bit with sheriff about relationship with LCARES and future possible exercise

On April 10 I went to a 3 hrs seminar sponsored by Lee County Sheriff on active shooter in place of worship and other places

On April 14 I went to meeting of Red Poppy Ride in Georgetown 10 to 12 noon with WC-ARES

On 4/21/18 supported Red Poppy Ride from 6 am to 5 pm with WC-ARES

On 4/28/18 attended the coax connector and soldering class, 4 pm to 7 pm, taught by Ken

Malgren at ESOC

I have been NC for Bastrop Co Ares on April 3, 17, and 14

EC Travis County

Provided communications for Sound the Alarm with Red Cross and Austin Fire Department. 69 TCARES hours.

Volunteer work completing the emergency communications trailer - April hours 531.

EC Williamson County

Several Accomplishments this month and one particular challenge that has arisen.

Accomplishments/Activities. WCARES Emcom Trailer asset is deemed ready to deploy April 13th. Not all equipment such as repeater and HF have been installed yet, as that is ongoing. But unit is operational and has been already deployed in support of the Red Poppy Bike Ride on April 21. 38 members supported local Ham clubs to make this a safe and enjoyable experience for all. WCARES Coms Trailer made its debut as a net control station and deployed mast for APRS tracking of 13 SAG and support vehicles for a 100 mile ride. Which was displayed for public tracking at the event. Also utilized VOIP phones and PBX unit for race support. Currently installing an ARES deployment UHF repeater in trailer and adding capabilities for more radios. Two SKYWARN nets this month. One that provide info to Wilco Emergency Communications, and one that provided several reports of local hail size to NWS as it traversed the county. To the challenge: WCARES was to support the City of Georgetown for the Red Poppy Festival for a 3 day deployment of Emcom trailer and teams. I made a command decision and canceled our support of the event due to lack of communications and coordination from the EMC during the last two weeks of preparation. I did not have enough information to safely and effectively deploy our team. Tough decision. but the right one. Georgetown Emergency Manager is now being replaced. Tough deal, as there has been over 18 months of relationship building there that was really working up to that point. Will be working with City Asst Fire Chief in interim, and will get to know the new EMC when appointed. Going into summer looks busy. Have already been invited to deploy trailer asset with Wilco EMC, Communications, and Sheriff on June 23 for a Touch the Truck public service event at a local shopping mall. Yes, that is Field Day weekend. But we are going anyway. Great opportunity.

DISTRICT 08

DEC

1. Advanced Disaster Response Training (in person) at Red Cross multi-state Institute (58 hours plus travel)
2. Will have limited mobility for 2-4 weeks due to horse accident
3. Change of EC command (1 May 18) for Burnet/Llano/Blanco Counties from Gil Jones (KA5GIL) to Don Dudley (AC5YK). Thank you Gil for years of dedicated service and welcome to Don.

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

Review of ARES emergency plan is underway.

A few updates are planned.

EC Jefferson County

Roger Erickson from the National Weather Service in Lake Charles presented the Basic & Advanced Skywarn Class on April 10th in lieu of our regular ARES & Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting.

EC Newton County

See Jasper County for details. Statistics are combined.

EC Orange County

Work continues at the Orange County EOC Radio Room.

EC Sabine County

The month ended better than it started. Dead Pecan tree threatening 40m dipole has been cut down, antenna back up. Roof repairs to EOC/Admin building finished so 80m dipole and 2m beam can now be installed. Was able to give Jasper EC, Dave K5DDM, one of our re-purposed 110w Motorola Astro Spectras so he has a little more 2m legs. He is located mid point in the District 9 area. New 48kw EOC generator scheduled for install at the end of May.

EC Tyler County

Tyler County ARES and the County EOC are moving forward on a joint initiative to improve emergency communications between key locations in the County. The locations are the EOC, Hospital, Sheriff Dept. and the WD5TYL repeater. Tyler County ARES EC is designated as the project manager. Specifications have been developed. Bids have been received for tower erecting, antenna installation and improvements at these four locations. Contracting services have been bid. Staff and volunteer support is in place. Project scheduling is now in process. The goal is to have completion before the start of hurricane season. Once completed, ARES Members and County EOC Personnel will conduct a joint drill to test the system.

DISTRICT 10

EC Goliad County

No Activity

DISTRICT 12

DISTRICT 13

DISTRICT 14

DEC

1 WebEOC monthly login training Apr 4

2 ECHO Club Meeting Apr 9

3 CERT/ARES Training for BP MS 150 Apr 10

4 BP MS 150 break point radio work Apr 22-30

5 BP MS 150 webinar Apr 23
6 BP MS 150 Bike Ride Apr 28
7 BP MS 150 Bike Ride Apr 29

EC Harris-NE County

NE Harris Cty Dist 14 ARES: Three (3) new ARES members to our unit; Ryan KF8IV, Patrick KE5YPC, Scott KC5NKW. Welcome to all. We provided a large number of volunteer hours this month to include extensive class room training, operation of our Served Client EOC's, MS 150 and HAVIN table top display. HAVIN: Hou Area Visually In-pared persons. Our 87 members were active this month. We may have an Insurance Problem at our weekly meeting location; Christ the King Church. Additional info to follow.

EC Harris-NW County

Busy month with preparations and service associated with BP MS150. Ride went very smoothly with credit due to the planning teams.

Preparations for disaster communications service at two new hospitals underway. Hurricane season just a few weeks away!

EC Harris-SE County

Most hours due to BP MS-150 bike event.

EC Harris-SW County

Welcome W5DJV and WA5AAA to our SW ARES team!

The MS-150 was very successful and over a dozen SW members participated, many for both days. Their time commitment and participation led to the event's success. Our primary repeater, 145.19, was in service for the entire weekend and performed very well with excellent coverage. Total time on ARES operations was over 400 hours for the month.

DISTRICT 15

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