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

Total number of ARES members: 1573 Change since last month:1
DECs/ECs reporting this month: 37
of ARES nets active: 178 # with NTS liaison:50

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: **AD5CQ AE5VV AF5OS K5BV K5GOL K5LGV K5RIK
K7MAL KA5CVH KB5DTS KD5JBT KD5ZRH KE5FGA KE5HAM KE5MHJ KF5ACH
KF5MOH KF5NIX KF5OYI KG5DLD KG5JRA KK5LO KM5MK KW5PA N5LVQ
N5MGC N5MTX N5SBN N5TQ N5TW N5TW/XYL N5WKM W5DY W5KKL W5MWI
WB5UZZ**

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	109	Person hours:	1932
Number of public service events this month	45	Person hours:	1503
Number of emergency operations this month	5	Person hours:	480
Total number of ARES operations this month	337	Person hours:	3906

SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content

STX SEC Report generation

Work on ARES Connect approvals

New Emergency Coordinator appointed D10 Victoria County Jim Shields AE7JS

New District Emergency Coordinator for D13 Victor Gunnoe AF5OS

New District Emergency Coordinator for D15 Ross Rogers W3OQ

ASEC Training

I have created a new presentation on "What is EmCom" and have given it to a couple of groups and offered it to others. The presentation is a general overview of what EmCom is not and emphasis's the need for training.

ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.

ASEC Advisor

Lots of time spent debugging and ultimately redoing my Winlink setup. Good news is I now have a redundant computer I can switch all the Winlink stuff to in minutes on a failure...

DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County

HF equipment training and deployment of RCU training.

EC Galveston County

Drills, tests and training hours include 23 hours by 3 members supporting emergency communications development and support for the city of League City, plus 12 hours by 1 ARES member in support of the Galveston County Emergency Communications Go-Kits.

EC Waller County

27 voice 25 digital

no Activation required.

Approved KI5AVR as new member

DISTRICT 02

DISTRICT 03

EC Hidalgo County

The National Weather Service in Brownsville requested an equipment check due to a potential weather event, and ARES personnel were dispatched. The NWS is in District 15, so we coordinated with ARES members in District 15 to establish a relay system to our District (3).

The test was in 2 parts over 2 days.

Part 1 was on site examination of radios and re-training NWS staff on their use.

Part 2 was testing of all NWS radio equipment (UHF/VHF/HF and Digital). Relay was used for simplex comms to cover the 54-mile distance. The testing was 100% percent successful.

Our ARES team has also been added to the NWS phone tree, and we'll be called during future events. We have also been asked to provide volunteers on site when needed, specific ARES members have been identified and allocated to do this.

We also had an EOC activation this month for the potential Gulf weather event. Our ARES team completed an ICS 205a and submitted this to our County EOC. Our plan covered multiple counties, and two districts, providing around the clock operational capability, both fixed and mobile with very flexible band coverage. Our plan was accepted and became an official component of the County response.

ARES members were given a tour of the EOC while it was in full activation. We also met with our County Emergency Coordinator. We believe this was invaluable because it helped us to better know our place and duties at the EOC, and during and emergency event in real time during an actual event.

I would like to commend our members this month. They showed how training helps us to be an effective, capable team. I am humbled to be a part of it.

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

Continue to work on SET Exercise for Oct 27th. Trained members on Red Cross Station equipment.

EC Grimes County

Our radio go-box is ready for the next disaster

DISTRICT 06

EC Bandera County

one {member} completed ICS 700

DISTRICT 07

DEC

All counties reporting.

EC Caldwell County

Hours and events are combined with Hays Co. Report as we are a combined club.

EC Hays County

Participated in Hays Co. Preparedness Fair. Had 19 people sign up for additional information and interest in obtaining a Amateur Radio License.

DEC Lee County

Filed by DEC because Marida is out of the country.

EC Travis County

On September 4, ED Cos, KE3D, was interviewed on Fox 7 TV on the TCARES role in flood monitoring. The September meeting included a program on emergency power. Planned our October SET with our MARS and Red Cross Partners.

EC Williamson County

1) One Emergency Activation this month on 9/22 by Williamson County Emergency Management for local Flood Event. San Gabriel River crested at 24 ft overnight due to heavy rain. Flood Stage is only 9 feet. 21 members activated. Activated ARES room in Williamson

County ESOC. Deployed personnel to three low water crossings and one lake dam in the county for real time SITREP and Flood levels data to EOC. WCARES crew responded, activated, and operated spectacular, and safely. EM was very appreciative. 2) WCARES EC called and surprise Hurricane Event training activation the week prior on 9/15 IN THE RAIN to test readiness and train. Notified all served agencies in that jurisdiction. Had 19 members activate and deployed our Emcom Trailer to a local shopping center parking lot as Incident Command and NCS. Spent the bulk of the time training members on Trailer setup, Mast deployment, set up camp, activate PCs and radios at stations in trailer, Then, reversed process to break down camp. Everyone practiced running the NCS logging programs. Wilco Emergency Communications Director dropped by to observe our operation after getting notification. Excellent exercise. Ended up being prep for the next weeks activation for the flood. 3) prepping for Outlaw 100 trail ride event, and BAIT 2018 county multi day exercise coming up.

DISTRICT 08

DEC

1. Red Cross Disaster 741-19 Sonora TX Floods 72 hours
2. Taught Red Cross GIS course San Antonio TX, 24 hours
3. Red Cross Disaster 660-19 San Marcos TX Floods, 200 hours

DISTRICT 09

EC Orange County

Main 147.180 repeater is now working after a temporary fix to correct the main electrical power issues at the repeater site.

EC Sabine County

UHF repeater coordination approved. Repeater programmed, some issues with duplexer tuning to resolve. 217A revised to include new frequencies, installed radio, coax & antenna in a military surplus water tanker in VFD use. Added 1 new ARES member.

EC Tyler County

Tyler County ARES members reviewed the ARRL Proposed ARES Strategic Plan and are in the process of preparing a response. We are also planning an upgrade to our repeater linking system which connects the WD5TYL Repeater to the Lufkin Wide Area Hub. We are moving from wideband to narrow band.

DISTRICT 10

EC Goliad County

No Activity

DISTRICT 12

DISTRICT 13

DEC Webb County

Our participation with the Hospital Preparedness Program generated a new endeavor to recruit, license, train and involve new members within the ARES section of the program.

DISTRICT 14

DEC

WebEOC monthly login training Sept 5

Katy Amateur Radio Society meeting as speaker Sept 10

District 14 meeting Sept 17

Tour de Cure Sept 22

Wide Area Net Sept 30

EC Harris-NE County

New AEC - Operations K9NXS

New AEC - Training KG5VLZ

Initiated new Unit website, email group, members only posting page

Began prepping for intensive Unit training in Winlink

EC Harris-NW County

Very active this month with Casper for the Public Health Dept, , Tour de Cure bike event, and Texas Air Nat Guard Damage Assessment Training. Migration to ARES connect ~60 % of active users now in system.

EC Harris-SW County

Encouraging team to sign up for ARES Connect. We have 30 or so signed up so far. We are starting to participate in some activities now that Fall is here. I would like to see more participation going forward. Dave Scott, WD8RZA, is giving five sessions of Winlink training to help us prepare to support the communications exercise November 7 and 8 at the Harris County Fire Marshall's Office.

DISTRICT 15