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Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters
ARRL Section: South Texas Month: July Year: 2020
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 1565 Change since last month: -111
DECs/ECs reporting this month: 33
of ARES nets active: 148 # with NTS liaison: 79

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: **AE5VV K0LTB K0YA K5BV K5DDM K5LGV
K5RIK K5WEL K7MAL KB5DTS KD4HNX KD5BJ KE5FGA KF4WSO
KF5NIX KG5IRM KG5RXG KI5FU N5LVQ N5MGC N5MTX N5SBN N5TW
N5TW/XYL N5WKM NT5CC W0HIP W5AUQ W5IM WB5HJV WB5TAD
WB5UZZ WD5H WP2AHG**

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	105	Person hours:	2623
Number of public service events this month	24	Person hours:	447
Number of emergency operations this month	7	Person hours:	271
Total number of ARES operations this month	284	Person hours:	3340

SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content

STX SEC Report generation

Worked on cleaning up the database, correcting data and removing some entries

Printed ARES badges for District 8 members

ARES HF Net Control Duty taken by KD5E 76 participants July 20

Appointed new EC for Harris County - KG5IRM July 1

4 weekly HF 3873 nets

ASEC Web

Continue backup and support of the ARRLSTX.org website.

STXARES Groups.io 568 members, 18 subgroups.

ARRLSTX Groups.io 50 members, 3 subgroups.

ASEC Other

Very busy month.

Asked ECs about some unexpected titles for 3 members.

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

Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.

Revised SQL routine for showMemberStats report to sort results correctly.

Designed and implemented work to add new title ADEC. Revised how authorization to take actions worked. Reorganized and cleaned up a lot of code.

Contacted Justhost to correct use of SSL (secure URL) for our domain. SSL comes with our VPS account, but had not been set to auto-renew.

Revised how the TrainingGrid rosters report is generated, which corrected a difference between the development and production context. Change is invisible to users; much easier for me.

ASEC Advisor

Testing Winlink beta versions. Work associated with the channel simulator including publishing an update to the Winlink digital mode performance comparison.

DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County

District 1 Fort Bend is participating in Radiogram training, Simplex frequencies, and locations validations, Vara FM, State Nets as well as Nets from other Districts and Counties

EC Galveston County

Total hours for drills, tests and training included 6 hours by one ARES member supporting the operation and maintenance of League City's Emcomm equipment, 4 hours by one ARES member supporting a SkyWarn Activation for severe weather, 70 hours by 3 ARES members supporting Emcomm equipment for Galveston County's Office of Emergency Management and 1 retired and 1 unemployed ARES members supporting multiple amateur radio activities, including virtual VE test sessions and HF traffic net message handling.

DISTRICT 02

EC Walker County

Operator monitored radio traffic at EOC for two hours during Hurricane Hanna event.

DISTRICT 03

EC Hidalgo County

Our group prepare for and awaited the arrival of Hurricane Hana. We have had major flooding but no call out our ARES personnel.

DISTRICT 04

EC Aransas County

Resent {report} to {Info Depot} as requested.

EC San Patricio County

Resent to as requested.

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

Have not been able to meet in person. Had a monthly net and our monthly meeting was held on the air. I encouraged everyone to be ready for hurricane season.

DISTRICT 06

EC Kerr County

VARA Training

DISTRICT 07

DEC

In spite of COVID-19, District 7 continues to train and drill. Plans are underway for both Lee and Williamson units to conduct a simplex exercise soon. Many members are using the quarantine time to upgrade licenses, and complete FEMA courses.

EC Caldwell County

Caldwell Co hours included in Hays Co. report

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Caldwell Co hours included.

EC Lee County

Another busy month for Lee County ARES. We have received more donations and worked on a few items to check their functionality. We also coordinated possible meetings and future activities possibly at Lee Co Sheriff's Office EOC. Participated and conducted Lee CARES monthly meeting, as well as WC-ARES meeting. Participated in digital ham radio class and set up new equipment including helping to erect a radio tower in Bastrop and planned and erected one in Lee County. Maintained weekly nets with weekly training and participated in ARES HF nets. Held a short SKYWARN net.

EC Williamson County

Covid-19 still affects all our operations except radio and digital nets. Many members are using this time to take online training courses such as FEMA courses. A significant number of members are upgrading and making efficiencies in home shacks and go-kits to support ARES. Some have been increasing/setting up home backup power solutions. Two of our AEC's, KF5PWN Gaye Lynn Bailey and AD5L Hal Miles, have created and implemented a three-week training course for the first time in July for Digital Communications via our Corporate Zoom account. they have had up to 48 persons join the training.

Staying in touch with Served Agencies. Virus rules are keeping ARES out of EOC's, but using radio, phone, and digital means to communicate and stay in contact.

Our July monthly ARES meeting had as a Special Guest, Lt. Scott Mount with Williamson County Sheriff's Office as speaker. Lt. Mount works closely with us during our SKYWARN activations, to the extent of moving Deputies around county in response to our Nets as he monitors our Coms and requesting location specific SITREPS from us. We have submitted reports from Deputies as part of our SKYWARN nets to NWS through NWS Chat in previous months.

WCARES updated our boilerplate Hurricane Response IAP to be prepared for events if they develop.

DISTRICT 08

DEC

Hurricane Hanna: Red Cross response, planning section chief (AD Information and Planning in Red Cross speak)

Developed/issued incident action plans and Sit Reps daily along with financial information. Established/participated in daily update calls.

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

We held an actual meeting, with 7 members in attendance. Brief training on ARES related topics. No one showed up to test.

EC Newton County

See Jasper county for details.

EC Orange County

Amateur VHF/UHF FM radios for the Orange Co. EOC are updated with changes and addition of local and regional frequencies this month.

EC Tyler County

Tyler County ARES did not have a meeting this month due to Covid-19. If conditions improve, we will resume meetings in August.

DISTRICT 10

DISTRICT 12

EC Guadalupe County

{Worked the} Food Bank drive

DISTRICT 13

DISTRICT 14

DEC

WEBEOC Training 7/7 (13 participants)

ECHO Society Amateur Radio Club 7/13

District 14 meeting (virtual) Topic: PODS support 7/20

NE Unit meeting ADEC 6/2

Oak Forest Amateur Radio club meeting 7/25

WOMAC RMS Gateway VHF/UHF work (WB5HJV)

Red Cross Winlink RMS gateway work (W5LDK/WB65HJV)

Oak Forest Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6/27

D14 PODS presentation preparation

Create Training Article on Repeater Etiquette and Insights article preparation (W5LDK/WB5HJV)

HF Nets, VHF Nets 7290, TTN, (WB5HJV)

Linda W5LDK (ADEC) completed training TEEX – ARF 104 Communications, LET 540

Intro to Radio Communications, FEMA IS-1300 Intro to Continuity of Operations

Winlink for Beginners Virtual Training 7/28

HCARES STX D14 Appointments - Sean KG5IRM EC - NW Unit, Peter KW5PA ADEC-

HCOHSEM liaison (Harris County office of Homeland Security and Emergency

Management), Earl KW5PA ADEC-Training

Peter KW5PA (ADEC - HCOHSEM) distributed masks and hand sanitizer to the 4 units in Harris County for use in potential deployments

EC Harris-NE County

July 31 the NE unit held a simplex drill with 24 being able to be heard direct or a relay.

EC Harris-NW County

Our team is restricted still due to Covid. We have been working on developing more training opportunities. We have recruited and begun development of new AEC leadership. Our team continues to verify local communication assets, so we are prepared in any future response.

EC Harris-SW County

VARA FM P2P Drills conducted on 7/9, 7/23 and 7/30

Training AEC Linda Kangas W5LDK presented Winlink For Beginners training

Net Etiquette training module developed by Linda W5LDK and Dave WB5HJV and presented to SW Unit

Preparations for countywide Winlink P2P drill in August

DISTRICT 15

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