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Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters
ARRL Section: South Texas Month: September Year: 2019
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 1661 Change since last month:8
DECs/ECs reporting this month: 35
of ARES nets active: 162 # with NTS liaison:74

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: **AE5VV AF5OS K5BV K5DDM K5LGV K5WEL K7MAL
KB5DTS KB5UJM KD4HNX KD5BJ KE5HAM KE5MHJ KF5ACH KF5NIX KF5OYI
KG5JRA KG5RXG KW5PA N5LVQ N5MDT N5MTX N5SBN N5TQ N5TW N5TW/XYL
N5WKM NT5CC W5KKL WB5HJV WB5TAD WB5UZZ WD5H**

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	130	Person hours:	2533
Number of public service events this month	72	Person hours:	1054
Number of emergency operations this month	8	Person hours:	359
Total number of ARES operations this month	372	Person hours:	3946

SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content
STX SEC Report generation
ARES HF Net Control Duty Sept 16
Tour de Cure Bike Ride Sept 21

ASEC Web

Updated articles, created and downloaded backups, installed updates to Joomla.

ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.
User question about difficulty with web page behavior when logging on.
Responded to user about deleting entry from STX Depot.
Answered question about officers titles.
Coached users to not reply to STX Depot pages, since they are sent from a 'dummy' sender.
Replies only go to depotmaster.
Forwarded info in bounced pages regarding members who wanted to be in or out of the Depot.

ASEC Advisor

Spent about 10 hours on local repeater related activity including replacing a power supply and installing a control on the output tone to address an intermittent spur. Lots of Vara FM testing and testing of less expensive RA-25 sound card.

<http://www.masterscommunications.com/products/radio-adapter/ra25.html> Vara FM is seeing increasing usage across Texas as a Winlink parallel mode with AX-25 packet.

DISTRICT 01

EC Galveston County

Number of Man Hours for drills, tests and training includes 3 ARES members volunteering 27.5 hours in support of emergency communications equipment and procedures for the city of League City and 10 hours of time by 1 ARES member in support of the emergency communications operations for the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management.

DEC Montgomery County

County Damage Assessments following Imelda, on behalf of the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

DISTRICT 02

DISTRICT 03

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

At monthly meeting we covered winlink software - Couple of work mornings at CEOC -

EC Grimes County

We monitored the weather for TS Imelda

DISTRICT 06

DISTRICT 07

EC Caldwell County

Hours are reported under Hays Co as we have combined meetings.

County EMC has indicated a desire to re-engage on amateur radio support for the county.

EC Hays County

Participated in Hays Co. Preparedness Fair, {We} made contact with 2 Boy Scout troops about Radio Merit badge training, ARES member is mentoring. Several people interested in Tech Class. Met Country Judge and new EMD for Hays Co.

EC Lee County

We hosted our Lee County officials (OEM Peschke, Sheriff Meyer, and Supervisor Dispatcher Heuermann) at our monthly meeting. We have been asked to serve at public events like Black Bridge Festival and the County Fair and others. We have been offered to attend Red Cross DAT classes. Three of us accepted. One member passed FEMA 100, one certified in CERT and CERT POD, We have been invited to visit the Lee Co Dispatch Center at the Lee Co. S.O./EOC, and we have been invited by the Lee Co. EMS to a Stop the Bleeding class, starting a relationship with EMS. EC participated as shadow to a WILCO exercise. Attended TC and WC ARES monthly meetings. Met with W5RZG and accepted Winlink go kit donated by TC ARES (Thank you so very much) and W5RZG was able to fix Winlink problems, giving Lee C ARES Winlink capability again (Thank You!). Help updated software and got familiar with WC ARES EmComm trailer and worked to K5GRG on updating Lee Co ARES go-kit laptops. Participated to TC and WC ARES training nets and invited Lee Co members to do so, and participated again to Packet Cavalry on a regular basis.

EC Travis County

Lots of planning for our upcoming SET. AECs did presentations on each of our major served agencies such as the SOC, City/County EOC, American Red Cross, CATRAC and VOAD. Push to get new members active with emails and upcoming training activities.

EC Williamson County

Had one IMT exercise with Wilco EOC this month.

DISTRICT 08

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

Reduction in ARES members came from updating active membership rolls to reflect actual conditions.

Recent weather conditions did not require activating ARES.

EC Jefferson County

Upgraded our local W5SSV-10 Winlink RMS Node to operate both Winlink Packet & Winlink VARA-FM.

EC Newton County

See Jasper report for details.

EC Orange County

ARES is assisting Disaster Relief groups, Red Cross & Texas Baptist Men, with the use of repeaters and radio equipment. Orange County is recovering from T.S. Imelda catastrophic flooding.

EC Sabine County

N5VRP provided ground contact for inbound air med flight. Programmed 4 donated HTs for Commissioners communications when away from their vehicles. Multiple meetings on DETCOG Regional Interoperability Communications Plan (RICP) for public safety LMR. Rehab of Public Safety Tower taking most of my radio time. Working with WD5EFY on planning and install of link radio to Lufkin ARC UHF repeater in support of wide area net from East Texas to the coast. Coax and antenna re-purposed from previous public safety tower decommission. Piggybacking this install on public safety tower rehab project. Thanks to Paul Gilbert KE5ZW for showing us what is possible when you share resources.

EC Tyler County

Tyler County ARES conducted a "Health and Welfare Net" which was activated through our Emergency Notification System. This was a drill/test in preparation for Tropical Storm Imelda. On September 18, 2019, the State Operations Center requested the activation of the wide area repeater network in East Texas. Tyler County along several other counties including the State Operations Center participated in this exercise. Tyler County ARES was able to successfully communicate directly with the State Operations Center over the wide area network. We were fortunate and did not experience the extreme flooding conditions caused by the widespread effects from Tropical Storm Imelda. We pray for those impacted and are always standing by to offer our services when needed.

DISTRICT 10

DISTRICT 12

DEC Atascosa County

Relaying report for EC

EC Bexar County

We are still working on building and improving the administrative and operational readiness for this group. The district emergency coordinator and I had a very successful meeting with public officials throughout the county. We completed a physical inventory of county/city own equipment, improved the physical security of that equipment, and began discussing realistic expectations for the capabilities we can provide our service agencies. Our challenges include increasing participation of ARES members, having those ARES members understand the importance of peacetime/operational accountability in readiness, however morale and capability is improving.

DISTRICT 13

DEC

District 13 participated in the first Laredo Emergency Preparedness Fair held at Texas A&M International University. Eight members participated in this event which consisted of setting up a fully operational field station with Winlink capability. Messages were sent successfully to members of District 3 in the Rio Grande Valley and District 13. We also continue to hold Saturday breakfast meetings to discuss ham radio topics and meet prospective hams. We are in the planning stages of our October events which include the Fall SET, and Jamboree On The Air with the Cub Scouts. Their event is a Morse Code Challenge in which they have to tap their first name in code. If we can verify their success, they will be awarded a Certificate of Accomplishment.

DISTRICT 14

DEC

WebEOC monthly login training 9/4
District 14 meeting 9/16, Phillip W5PLA Radio Go-Kit presentation
Texas ARES Net (WB5HJV Net control)
Tropical Storm Imelda Response
Houston Area Hospital Net
Houston Digital Radio Meeting
ARES District 14 Wide Area Net
ARRL West Gulf Director Candidate Forum (+500 views on Youtube)
Red Cross Houston - radio room rework
FEMA training
Red Cross Smoke Alarm installations
WOMAC Winlink RMS node rework

EC Harris-NW County

Busy month, Severe weather causes activation of EOC and a request for ARES members to report high water / road issues. Participated in the Tour de Cure race for the Diabetes Foundation

EC Harris-SW County

Thanks to Russell, WP2AHG, who served as acting EC when TS Imelda hit us. Thanks to the volunteers for possible deployment, KG5OFB Gus, KD5E Dave, KE5JBW Allyson, KG5NOV Mike, W5LKD Linda, KD5VAD George.

The SW team submitted high water danger reports to WebEOC for the September Severe Weather event.

I have begun the process of pruning our inactive members from the STX Info Depot.

DISTRICT 15

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