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Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters
ARRL Section: South Texas Month: September Year: 2017
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 1519 Change since last month:9
DECs/ECs reporting this month: 40
of ARES nets active: 197 # with NTS liaison:66

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV AF5EK AL5J K5BV K5DDM K5RIK KA5GIL KB5DTS
KD4HNX KD5CQ KE5FGA KE5HAM KE5WPY KF5DDV KF5NIX KF5OYI KF5VIK KG5DLD KM5MK KM5QT
N5LVQ N5MDT N5MGC N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW/XYL N5UMJ N5WKM NV5C W5DY W5OE
WB5UZZ WB8FVB

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| Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month | 82 | Person hours: | 905 |
| Number of public service events this month | 20 | Person hours: | 800 |
| Number of emergency operations this month | 49 | Person hours: | 5375 |
| Total number of ARES operations this month | 348 | Person hours: | 7080 |

SEC

Without the thankless work by repeater trustees, our communication would be less than stellar. Even after all of the disaster is cleaned up. After all of the volunteers have gone home and normal daily routines restarted, the trustees must still maintain their equipment. Day after day and at no charge. On behalf of our volunteer and public service team, Thank you!
KE5FGA

- 1 Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content
- 2 STX SEC Report generation
- 3 Hurricane Harvey Recovery
- 4 STX SEC SET preparation

ASEC Web

Made numerous updates to the home page throughout the month in the aftermath of hurricane Harvey. Made backups of the site before and after every upgrade. Concluded my search for a hosting company/package that would allow the ARES Alert system to pass more than 500 messages an hour and not buffer delayed messages. The goal for October is to find funding for the hosting upgrade and get it implemented.

ASEC Other

Monthly review and stats.

Fixed Paging page county-list checkbox layout for Firefox on Linux.

DISTRICT 01

EC Galveston County

Includes 26 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members supporting the development and implementation of emergency communications equipment and procedures for the city of League City, and 20 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members working on Emergency Communications Go-Kits for Galveston County.

DEC Montgomery County

Support for Harvey. Coordination of spontaneous volunteers & muck out volunteers at the request of served agencies. Performed preliminary damage assessments at request of county OEM. No widespread loss of communications during event.

DISTRICT 02

EC Walker County

Met with 4 local ARES. Discussed more hams being involved during an event.

Need to use 60 meters more.

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

We have our SET scheduled for Oct 14th. We will be working on communications with hospitals, Red Cross and DDC. Winlink will be used. We will have net control and operations out of the Red Cross offices in Bryan. Asking the radio club at Texas A&M W5AC to help in the exercise.

DISTRICT 07

EC Travis County

Line 1 reflects active members. Twenty-one members were placed in inactive status based on their feedback or long time lack of contact.

DISTRICT 08

DEC

Hurricane Harvey: Deployed with Red Cross for 15 days as District 4 Planning Lead

EC Blanco County

All data under Burnet County except for number of unique Llano & Blanco Co. Members.

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EC McCulloch County

Had some rain which is good - really needed it! Will begin to cool off soon - need that too. Let others know you're out there - check in on a net.

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

Nothing ARES to report in Jasper / Newton counties this month. Still working on some repeater bugs to enable better coverage and linking ability. Participated in Dist. 2 wide area VHF net.

EC Newton County

See Jasper County Report

EC Orange County

about 60% of Orange Co. ARES members had flooding and/or damages from TS Harvey. No activation of Orange Co. ARES for September and the communication infrastructure was functioning during and after the TS Harvey flooding of Orange Co. and surrounding counties.

EC Tyler County

We are getting back to normal operations after the hurricanes. Although Tyler County did not experienced the severity that many counties to our South and West had endured, Hurricane Charley has touched us all. We greatly appreciate the support and service from our Amateur Radio Operators, both with microphone in hand and boots on the ground! Thank You!

DISTRICT 10

EC DeWitt County

No activity this month.

EC Matagorda County

Note 1: Training hours are based on .25 hrs/operator per net session

Note 2: Our operation related to "Harvey" concluded on September 5th after the rivers in the area crested and the threat of additional flooding passed. Briefings on the local 2m repeater were held twice/day to assess our resource status and readiness. Hours are estimated based on time to collect background information for briefings, coordination with the County EOC or served agencies, and updates provided on the local repeater when dissemination of information was required.

Note: 3: This is the final report for the current EC of Matagorda County due to expiration of the initial 2 year appointment.

DISTRICT 13

DEC

AL5J deployed 30 August-13 September 2017 to Hurricane Harvey Incident Command Post, College Station, TX. Assigned to Joint Federal COMC as All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader for Texas Task Force 1/FEMA Urban Search and Rescue System.,

EC Zavala County

Dimmit County and Zavala County are counted as one unit with same members.

DISTRICT 14

DEC

WebEOC monthly login training (Site not available)
Transtar work by KB2WF
Hurricane Harvey recovery 09/01
Hurricane Harvey recovery 09/02
Hurricane Harvey recovery 09/03
Hurricane Harvey recovery 09/04
Hurricane Harvey recovery 09/05
Hurricane Harvey recovery 09/06
Hurricane Harvey recovery 09/07
Friendswood Casper 09/15
Friendswood Casper 09/16
Aldine Casper 09/29
Aldine Casper 09/30

Special thanks to KE5STL who makes the CASPER maps for tracking our volunteers.

EC Harris-NE County

NE Harris Cty Dist. 14 ARES: Hurricane Harvey gave us a great logistics problem. Major road blockages, flooded homes, members' homes destroyed. Atascocita Fire Dept. EOC manned by ARES operators assisting arriving out of town Fire Depts. with call and location directions. One hospital cut off by flooded roads. Second hospital only accessible to area South of Kingwood. Power outages provided some problems but all worked together to solve each problem as they were encountered.

EC Harris-NW County

Due to Hurricane Harvey Red Cross Shelters were manned by: WB5HJV, AE5MZ, W2PTO, N5YKL, K5PRS, NM5G, KG5FA4, AND K5IGI. Total time was 266 hrs.

Harris County Public Health conducted two Community Assessments during the month and requested ARES members provide communication assistance. The following participated in these events which covered four days (two each Friday/Saturday) for 256 hrs.

KE5FGA, N5CFT, KB5JTJ, K5TBN, K1TAZ, WD5JRD, WP2AHG, KD5CQ
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EC Harris-SE County
Hurricane Harvey

EC Harris-SW County

A number of ops were activated for the hurricane: N5CFT, KG5DJS, KT5SR, and W5OFT. We also performed a CASPER exercise with the Harris County Public Health department. 145.19, our primary repeater, is down due to flooding and will be down for several months. We are using 146.94 instead.