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Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters

ARRL Section: **South Texas** Month: **November** Year: **2018**

**AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE**

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| Total number of ARES members:    | 1585 | Change since last month: | -8 |
| # DECs/ECs reporting this month: | 31   |                          |    |
| # of ARES nets active:           | 130  | # with NTS liaison:      | 40 |

**Calls of DECs/ECs reporting:** AD5CQ AE5VV AF5EK AF5OS K5BV K5DDM K5LGV K7MAL KB5DTS  
KD4HNX KD5BJ KE5FGA KE5HAM KF5ACH KF5MOH KF5NIX KF5OYI KG5DLD KW5PA N5LVQ  
N5MGC N5MTX N5SBN N5TQ N5TW/XYL N5WKM W5MWI WB5UZZ

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| Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month | 96  | Person hours: | 1785 |
| Number of public service events this month               | 85  | Person hours: | 989  |
| Number of emergency operations this month                | 0   | Person hours: | 0    |
| Total number of ARES operations this month               | 311 | Person hours: | 2774 |

Comments:

SEC

Thank you to Dallas Mellichamp, KD4HNX for his years of service to the South Texas Section.

Roger Podsim, W5RWP has retired from net control duty of the 7285 net after more than 10 years of service.

Pat Patrick, KD5ZRH, has retired from EC duty in Bastrop County.

Net control for Monday night 75m nets is impossible. Band conditions are as bad as I have ever experienced in my short 14 years of radio.

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content  
STX SEC Report generation  
Work on ARES Connect approvals  
4 Weeks HF nets  
ARES Connect Webinar Nov 29

ASEC Web

Lots of behind the scenes work getting the arrlstx.org website transferred to the Virtual Private Server account. Numerous backups and restores until I discovered the missing module.

ASEC Other

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

Responded to questions about web hosting account.  
Handled web hosting account password change (affects tool accesses and utility scripts).  
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.

#### DISTRICT 01

##### EC Galveston County

Number of Man hours for drills, tests and training include 28.5 volunteer hours by 3 ARES members providing development and maintenance of emergency communications equipment for League City and 4 volunteer hours by 2 ARES members providing development support for Galveston County's emergency communications equipment.

#### DISTRICT 02

##### EC Walker County

Held meeting at EOC. Short presentation on HF dipole antennas for new members. Discussed possible weather issues for this area over next 6 weeks.

Skywarn to be held January 15, 2019, 6 pm at Walker County Storm Shelter.

#### DISTRICT 03

##### EC Hidalgo County

Quiet month for us. Regular ARES Nets on Thursdays.

#### DISTRICT 04

#### DISTRICT 05

##### Brazos County

Worked on advance training to offer for Winlink, members expressed desire to learn more. At Dec. meeting have several packet stations setup in room so members can practice.

#### DISTRICT 06

##### Bandera County

EC out for illness most the month

#### DISTRICT 07

#### DEC

No report from Bastrop County

##### EC Caldwell County

Hours and information combined with Hays Co. report

##### EC Hays County

Finished ARCHES install at Hays Seton. Currently have a computer problem precluding activation of system.

Checking new people out on ARCHES. A training guide and operator checklist would be

beneficial.

#### EC Lee County

I have attended weekly meetings (except for one due to training) on Wednesdays for BAIT 2019 and other WC-ARES issues. I have met with TC ARES EC in Austin to get a go kit for digital communications for Lee Co. EOC; I worked on planning and ICS forms for BAIT 2019 demonstration; I communicated and visited with County Judge and other officials about BAIT 2019; I attended TC ARES and WC-ARES nets, I visited with the responsible for drills at Little River Hospital in Rockdale; I transitioned my phone to FirstNet; and I attended WC-ARES Trailer training and AWR 140 and PER -243 all at WILCO ESOC and EMS training center.

#### EC Travis County

Conducted CATRAC emergency test 11/6  
November program on Solar Power to run a radio

#### EC Williamson County

We have a healthy increase in members this month! WCARES Accomplishments: 1) Have Established relationship with new City of Georgetown EMC. Great start to relationship. EMC offered WCARES to operate in his EOC as part of the IMT. Will sign off on ICS task books as operations occur. 2) Our WCARES SET for November has been moved to March 8 & 9, 2019 due to Flood related issues with Emergency Services and other conflicting items. Has been Renamed BAIT 2019. This will be a two day Demonstration, Exercise, & Recruiting event. Will be first time for WCARES to have this exercise outside our county. Will be held in Giddings, the Lee County Seat. Will include Williamson County Emergency Communications, Emergency Mgmt, and WCARES. From LEE County it will include the County Judge, Sheriff (EOC), Emergency Manager, and Fire Dept., and LCARES. Lee County Judge requested training and solutions to a Comms failure event. We have partnered with Wilco Emerg Comms to provide this exposure, participate in training, and to assist LCARES EC recruit for her ARES team. WCARES is running the planning, operations, and implementation as the Incident Management Team. Lee County EC is integrated with us as my Deputy PSC. At this time WCARES is providing IC, LOFR, PSC, LOGS, OPS, SITL, ComT, ComL, plus numerous other ICS positions and staff., Will deploy Wilco RMC 3 mobile comms unit, several go kits, WCARES Comms Trailer, and other equipment TBD., Will be set up as deployed IMT. 3) WCARES Logistics and Ops have begun monthly (Second Saturday) training on our Comms Trailer equipment, Wilco Go Kits, and various software systems such as Winlink, and TicketsCAD. This is to bring our operations and deployment capabilities to a higher level and grow the number of members capable to run the equipment. Will be held at various parks and facilities around the county, in order to identify and practice at locations where we may deploy when called upon during an activation. Merry Christmas everyone!

#### DISTRICT 08

#### DISTRICT 09

#### Jasper County

Includes hours for Newton County

#### Newton County

See Jasper county for hours

#### EC Orange County

Had meeting with Orange Co. EMC on the progress of EOC radio and antennas installation.

Participated in table top communication exercise with TX DPS, Orange Co. Emergency Management, Sheriff office, area cities EMC's and CERT.

#### EC Tyler County

Tyler County ARES participated in the County Emergency Coordinator's Workshop for the development of the County's 5year emergency plan.

#### DISTRICT 10

#### DISTRICT 12

#### District 13

#### DEC

Our membership list was updated by requesting a response to a sent email explaining purpose of update. Members either no longer lived within our district or chose not to respond to email and were subsequently moved to the inactive list.

#### DISTRICT 14

#### DEC

WebEOC monthly login training Nov 7

STX HF Net Control Nov 19

ARES Connect Webinar Nov 29

#### EC Harris-NE County

-Winlink hands-on training continues

-Prep for Wreathes Across America-Houston continues

-ARES Connect signup and training continues

#### EC Harris-NW County

Very lucky, no hurricanes this year, nice to get a break from the weather. Digital checkins remain strong, with members beginning to use ARDOP and VARA. All regular participants now registered in ARES Connect.

#### DISTRICT 15

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