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Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters			
ARRL Section: South Texas		Month: September	Year: 2020
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE			
Total number of ARES members: 1581		Change since last month: 21	
# DECs/ECs reporting this month: 31			
# of ARES nets active: 152		# with NTS liaison: 68	
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	111	Person hours:	2349
Number of public service events this month	24	Person hours:	601
Number of emergency operations this month	5	Person hours:	388
Total number of ARES operations this month	292	Person hours:	3337

SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content
 STX SEC Report generation
 ARES HF Net Control Duty taken by WP2AHG 73 participants September 21
 Hurricane Beta monitoring
 4 weekly HF 3873 nets
 Hurricane Marco and Laura AAR prepared for league HQ

ASEC Web

Did updates to the website, posted a few new articles. Brought our new STX Section Manager up to speed on the website and ARES Vault accounts.

ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.
 Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.
 Answered question about entries on the weekly bounce report.

DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County

Continued NTS Radiograms on Mondays, Prepared the FBCTY communications trailer for use at Wings over Texas. Involvement in other Districts nets.

EC Galveston County

Number of hours for drills, tests and training included 17 hour by 4 ARES members in support of our second outdoors VEC test session, 119 hours by 11 ARES members in support of ARES/GCECG activation to support Galveston County during Tropical Storm Beta, and 54 hours by 3 ARES members in support of Galveston County Emergency Communication development and maintenance.

EC Waller County

22 voice 21 digital

DISTRICT 02

EC Walker County

One operator monitored communications during evening of Beta.

DISTRICT 03

EC Hidalgo County

We ran a Tornado Warning Net during bad weather. During this event we learned that we didn't have a quick way to visually represent where people were spotting/reporting/located. We developed an ARES member map using Google Maps that gives net control or IC the ability to locate reporting members very quickly. The map is available in a grid down scenario so long as it has been saved for offline access by each team member.

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

Thanks to the AEC's for watching over things while I was Red Cross deployed to Lake Charles, LA. for two weeks. I Visited CEOC to reset the N5SBN-5 Winlink Mailbox. Members make connection tests to the iGATE's and Mailbox several time a month. Monthly meeting again was held on the air.

DISTRICT 06

EC Medina County

Tour de Castroville bike ride radio support

DISTRICT 07

DEC

District 7 continues to function amid the restrictions placed on us by the China virus. The packet cavalry is up and functioning daily and all groups continue to train and drill. Williamson, Travis, and Lee have figured out ways to keep skills sharp and are conducting classes using various "approved" methods.

EC Caldwell County

hours for net participation reported under Hays Co.

EC Hays County

Continued work on the Luling Hospital ARCHES antenna system.

EC Lee County

It was a quite month for Lee County ARES. Numerous hours were spent in training to update licenses and to obtain certificates such as SKYWARN and the ARRL Emergency Communications 101, and to build antennae and a power box. Members employed hours to add and work on equipment and software as well. LeeCARES members also obtained ARES ID Cards issued by Lee County, for which we are very grateful. Furthermore, we are working on a net control class in October. A member LeeCARES participated successfully again in another Simplex exercise with Williamson County ARES, confirming solid contacts with stations there. At least one LeeCARES member participates regularly in digital transmission with Williamson and Travis Counties ARES and attends Williamson County ARES EmComm meetings. LeeCARES keeps holding weekly Lee CARES nets, participate in Texas ARES HF, and keeps offering trainings on the air and holding monthly meeting.

EC Williamson County

This month WCARES continues its Covid 19 series for capabilities expansion with a second VHF Simplex net. First time we identified low coverage areas. This month we worked with a less than ideal NCS location with relays as needed, from home QTH. Good information and practice for future disaster use. Our Emcomm Trailer was activated and exercised as part of the exercise for first time since Red Cross exercise on Memorial Day Weekend. Good month.

DISTRICT 08

DEC

Red Cross response to Hanna, Marco, Laura, Sally, and Beta Hurricanes as Planning Section Chief and External relations Government Ops. total 207 hours

EC Burnet County

Conducted Voice and Digital Drill DD001

Met with Burnet County Precinct 4 Commissioner Joe Don Dockery and staff. Toured new Burnet County Mobile Emergency Management Trailer and agreed to ARES participation in the Trailer.

Agreed to move the HLARC Communications Trailer to the Precinct 4 Warehouse with the Burnet County EM Communications Trailer. The County has prepared a site for our trailer and will provide power for the trailer. We have been granted full access to ensure our ability to respond to any emergency.

Llano County EM requested that we set up an instructional course and testing for Technician Class licenses for their personnel who would like to be able to cross train with us on Emergency Communications. The class will be held October 16 and 17 with exam on the 17th. The class is expected to be at least 10 people.

Appointed Steve Schreiber KG5LAA as AEC for the Burnet County EOC. Steve will be putting together a staff to operate and maintain the EOC.

Received approval for internet connection and access to the BSW Marble Falls Hospital for ARES operations. This is significant in that we can now operate in conjunction with their EM staff on all activities. We are hopeful that CATRAC will provide a new computer for this location.

We still have two significant openings in our organization. We need a AEC for Burnet County and for the Seton Ascension Hospital in Burnet. Our presence in the Burnet Hospital is challenged and we are hoping for CATRAC assistance to improve that situation.

DISTRICT 09

EC Jefferson County

ARES members from Jefferson, Orange & Hardin County worked together to provide communications for a new bicycle event the Bramble Ramble Bike Tour. Communications in this mostly rural area were a challenge. A plan for simplex relays to higher power remote stations was in place until the 146.340 repeater was brought back online at the Beaumont TxDot facility The 146.340+ (PL131.8) greatly improved communications. Many thanks to Mike Hardwick N5VCX with TxDot for getting this valuable resource back online.

EC Orange County

Nothing to report for Orange Co. for September

DISTRICT 10

DISTRICT 12

EC Gonzales County

KI5FU Repeater is on the air in Gonzales.

TX/RX 145.32/144.72 103.5 tone

DISTRICT 13

DISTRICT 14

DEC

DEC team activities:

- NE Unit ARES virtual meeting
- Texas ARES HF Net 9/7 (70 checkins)
- ECHO Society meeting 9/14
- WEBEOC Training 9/2 (14 participants)
- ECHO Society Meeting 8/10
- HCARES D14 meeting - presentation by Marni Rosen and Jeff Walter KE5FGA on ARES and CERT partnership - 50 attendees 9/21
- Houston Area Hospital net (W5LDK NCS)
- Oak Forest Radio Club Meeting
- WOMAC-10/-11 VHF/UHF Winlink RMS Gateway upgrades
- WB5HJV-10/-13 VHF Winlink RMS Gateway upgrades
- AE5PA Earl ADEC-Training - District training work
- Red Cross HQ Winlink RMS Gateway support
- W5LDK Linda ADEC - CISA 9/26, EMCOMM Frequency training, TEEX AWR-136 Essentials of Community Cybersecurity
- Hospital Net (W5LDK NCS) 8/30 32 check ins

EC Harris-NW County

Our team has not had any public service events due to continued Covid restrictions. We continue to work on recruiting new members and setting up training sessions for this next month.

EC Harris-SW County

- Decompressing from ARES fatigue caused by hurricane prep in August
- Continued focus on Task Books. Wayne Johnson K5OB completed EC-016. KG5BBF Chris Luppens
- Sent Survey Monkey to SW Unit members to ascertain preparedness & willingness to deploy to PODs/Ch
- Social media - 'Show Me Your Go-Box' and 'Show Me Your Backpack' albums created in Facebook to showcase member's go-boxes and inspire other members to build one.
- Admin AEC Wayne Johnson K5OB ordered ARRL brochures to send to new members with handwritten letters.

DISTRICT 15

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