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

Total number of ARES members:1497 Change since last month:12  
# DECs/ECs reporting this month:49  
# of ARES nets active:226 # with NTS liaison:72

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting:AD5CQ AE5VV AF5EK AL5J K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5RIK  
K7PGC KB5DTS KD4HNX KD5CQ KD5JBT KE5FGA KE5HAM KE5MHJ KF5ACH  
KF5DDV KF5OYI KF5VIK KG5DLD KG5MHK KK5LO KM5MK KM5QT N5HV N5LVQ  
N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW/XYL N5UMJ N5WKM NT5CC NV5C W0HIP W5DY  
W5FQA W5IM W5KKL W5SRG WB5UZZ WB8FVB

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	125	Person hours:	1535
Number of public service events this month	24	Person hours:	1452
Number of emergency operations this month	3	Person hours:	167
Total number of ARES operations this month	378	Person hours:	3154

Comments:

SEC

- Work on STX web page updates of ARES content
- STX SEC Report generation
- Greater Houston Hamfest 03/25

ASEC Web

- I've started layout of a new version of the ARRLSTX website with help from Lee W5LHC. Work and deaths in the family have kept me away but I hope to plug at the Main and Sub Menus and then fill in the content. See what I have so far at [www.a2z-websites.com](http://www.a2z-websites.com)

ASEC Other

- Monthly review & stats.
- Fixed bug where verifier list for ASECs did not have EC; now treats ASEC like Member for training validation.
- Reorganized main page code for easier maintenance: split into 2 part to show member Profile on separate web page.
- Continued study of possible alternatives for paging emails.

- Added code to prevent PF5/page refresh duplicating work for Paging job.
- Created report to show month's comments on Toolkit page.
- Created downloadable file for new all-comments report.

#### District 01

##### EC Brazoria County

- still having problems logging in

##### EC Fort Bend County

- Three nets with training, 1 face to face with training. Support for Greater Houston Hamfest including deployment of Fort Bend EMROG mobile unit for demonstration.

##### EC Galveston County

- Includes 28.5 hours by 3 ARES members supporting the development and implementation of emergency communication equipment and procedures for the city of League City, 12 hours of volunteer time by 1 ARDES member work on emergency go-kits for the Galveston County Emergency Communications Group and 45 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members supporting Skywarn operations for the National Weather Service (logged as Emergency Operations).

##### EC Waller County

- 03/27/17 Bike For Little Heroes/Red White KD5JBT
- 21 voice & 14 Digital Check ins.

#### District 02

##### EC Walker County

- Three operators supported Severe Weather Week. Set up from Walker County EOC. Took check ins from area. Also, check ins from local responders.

#### District 05

##### EC Brazos County

- Working the Emergency Manager on plans for the Hurricane Charlie Exercise. Performed monthly testing of the radios at the CEOC. Monthly test of the N5BRZ winlink gateway located at the
- CEOC.

##### EC Kerr County

- Weather Training given in 23 half hour sessions

#### District 07

##### EC Hays County

- Delayed returning from trip. apologize for late report

#### EC Travis County

- Total Man-Hours 46.4

#### District 08

##### DEC

1. Training in satellite, comms, networking EOC and 47.42 MHz radios (Red Cross, 48 hours)
2. Emergency response to DR 207-17 disaster EOC for San Antonio-Thrall tornado cluster ( for Red Cross 72 hours)
3. Develop/update/monitor Event Action Plan for SxSW in the event of call up (Red Cross)

#### EC McCulloch County

- Actual numbers for 'drills,tests,training' and 'man hours' will sometimes be higher due to attendance and meetings of which I am not notified.
- Be ready folks - thunderstorm season is here!!

#### District 09

##### EC Jasper County

- No activation by county Emergency Coordinator

##### EC Jefferson County

- Our first public service event of the year in March. The Gusher Marathon on March 4th in Beaumont. Twenty nine operators participated in communications for the event.

##### EC Newton County

- See Jasper County for all remaining details.

##### EC Orange County

- Public Service Event was the Big Thicket Bike Tour (March 11th) in Hardin and Tyler County. 27-operators managed the 6-SAG vehicles, 6-Rest Stops, a Net Control Station for total of 6-routes ranging from 14 miles to 100 miles. Weather was over cast, breezy and cool. Had light rain off and on for the bicycle ride event. No incidents or medicals reported. Hardin County S.O. was available to control traffic for the bike ride start. Local EMS was made aware of the bike ride event.

##### EC Sabine County

- Installed an NVIS dipole for regional HF operation on 40m at the N5SAB station at the EOC. Set up and adjusted Icom 706MKIIG radio and ALS-600 amplifier. Received excellent signal reports from western Oklahoma and Arkansas. Goal is to be able to

contact Travis County ARES and/or State Operations Center.

- Also installed 4 element beam on 45ft. tower for 2m work into Lufkin ARES. Unsuccessful contact. Looking at higher gain beam for this purpose.
- Little ARES organizational progress in March as public safety radio (Sheriff's digital repeater) issues have taken an inordinate amount of my time.

#### EC Tyler County

- Tyler County ARES conducted an emergency net 3-28-17 due to severe weather. ARES members reported power outages, road closures and storm related issues.

#### District 10

##### EC Colorado County

- Working with Colorado County CERT organizers to promote ARES. Will attend CERT training in April.

##### EC DeWitt County

- No activity this month.

##### EC Goliad County

- No activity this month

##### EC Matagorda County

- Supported the Matagorda County Local Emergency Planning Commission Block Party with display setup and portable HF and VHF operation.
- Note 1: Training hours are based on .25 hr/operator for each net session.

#### District 12

##### EC Bexar County

- Two members attended severe weather conference. Reported ARES mentioned in positive way more than once

#### District 13

##### DEC

- Congratulations to KE5WPY, Ray Kallio, the new EC for Frio County. He is also the Emergency Management Coordinator for Frio County. Ray brings a wealth of knowledge and potential to the ARES mission to STX District 13 between LAREDO and San Antonio that has not been represented in the past. Welcome Ray!

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District 14

SEC

- WebEOC monthly login training 03/01
- TranStar/digital work KB2WK
- D14 monthly meeting at Greater Houston Hamfest 03/25
- Monthly HF net control duty 03/20

EC Harris-NE County

- NE Harris Cty Dist. 14 ARES: Large number of man-hrs. due to 5 weeks in the month, very good turnout at monthly ARES and TEAC Club meetings, CERT/ARES presentation given to Visually Impaired group. First NE Harris Cty Bike Race taken on by this ARES Unit scheduled for April 8. Planning in the works. Two past NE HC ARES members Re-joined our unit. Therefore our membership has gone up by two this month.

EC Harris-NW County

- Woodlands Marathon 03/04 - 7 Participants @660 min (77 Hrs) KG5IRM, KF5MNJ, KE5PBM, KE5STL, AE5PA, KE5FGA, KF5MNB
- Magnolia Mile 03/11 - 3 Participants @ 420 min (21 Hrs) AE5MZ, KE5FGA, K5PRS,
- Red, White, an Blue Mile 03/26 - 6 Participants @ 480 min (48bHrs) N5RSH, K5PRS, KF5MNJ, KG5PYX, AE5MZ, K1TAZ

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