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

Total number of ARES members:	1687	Change since last month:	-25
# DECs/ECs reporting this month:	35		
# of ARES nets active:	141	# with NTS liaison:	45

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AC5YK AE5VV AF5OS K5BV K5DDM K5GBX K5GOL K5LGV
K5RIK K5WEL K7MAL KB5DTS KD4HNX KD5BJ KD5JBT KE5FGA KE5HAM KF5ACH KF5NIX
KG5RXG KW5PA N5LVQ N5MTX N5SBN N5TQ N5TW N5TW/XYL N5WKM NT5CC W5DY
W5MWI WB5HJV WB5TAD WB5UZZ WD5H

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	178	Person hours:	2113
Number of public service events this month	45	Person hours:	3283
Number of emergency operations this month	54	Person hours:	230
Total number of ARES operations this month	418	Person hours:	5624

SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content
STX SEC Report generation
Bike Around the Bay Oct 12-13
ARES HF Net Control Duty Oct 21

ASEC Web

Added a few new articles through the month. Created and downloaded backups weekly. Did updates to the editor and backup apps. Updated the version of PHP from version 7.1.31 to 7.3.0

ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.
Responded to user email that went to me (depotmaster) instead of to the intended recipient.

ASEC Advisor

Time associated with testing Winlink beta software and setting up a machine for Winlink at Cedar Park PD
DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County

Unit supported Wings Over Houston, SET, Smoke Alarm distribution and installation project, and a bike ride.

EC Galveston County

The number of hours for Drills, Tests and Training include 27.5 of volunteer time by 3 ARES members in support of the development, operation and maintenance of the emergency communications system for the city of League City. An additional 10 hours was volunteered by 2 ARES members in support of emergency communications maintenance for the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management. There were 10 Public Service Events this month, including the Space City 10 Miler Fun Run, Galveston's Toughest 10K Fun Run, Bike Around the Bay bicycle ride, Wings Over Houston Air Show and Scouts of America Jamboree On The Air.

EC Waller County

29 voice 19 digital
no Activation required.
DISTRICT 02

DISTRICT 03

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

Several Friday mornings several met at CEOC to test equipment and training. Made trip to CEOC to fix N5BRZ-10 igate, had to replace unit with spare unit.

DISTRICT 06

DISTRICT 07

EC Caldwell County

data reported under Hays co. as we are a combined club

EC Lee County

We participated at the Dime Box Black Bridge Festival to learn the ropes and work their mini marathon and their parade next year. Finished preparing (and obtained!) IRS exempt status and State tax exemption. Conducted an emergency SKYWARN net. Worked on go kits, prepared and attended monthly meeting, Attended ARC/ARES Winlink training. EC attended WILCO EmComm meetings. Presided LCARES Board Meeting in which we fine-tuned our bylaws and organization and worked on words for future Lee County ARES net.

EC Travis County

Held joint Winlink training class with American Red Cross. Deployed EmComm trailer to support BSA JOTA event. Planning for upcoming SET.

EC Williamson County

This month saw the EC taking two weeks off for vacation out of country. Greg Fuqua, K5GRG, operated as acting EC in my absence. He and the WCARES staff did an excellent job. There was an Emergency Support Activation that was staffed with short notice. This was WCARES providing various avenues of support to Williamson County EOC for a complete power outage as alternative AC was installed. We had one informal weather net due to heavy rain, high winds, and some nickel sized hail.

WCARES held our usual Second Saturday Training event at Wolf Ranch Shopping center. We deployed three County Go-Kits, plus personal gear, implementing a more in depth Winlink training activity. Quite good and extensive interest and participation, as usual.

This month saw several key personnel changes in our Williamson County Emergency Services Operation Center (ESOC).

The Director of Emergency Communications for Williamson County has retired as of October 31st. Scott has been a member of WCARES for years, as an Amateur Radio Operator. Scott was absolutely key and the strengthening of the WCARES/County relationship over the years. He has served notice that he will now be spending time with WCARES in our operations. His requested area is Plans. Good for us.

The Emergency Manager for Williamson County was replaced with a Deputy Emergency Manager from the organization. We have had a long, positive, and close relationship with this new Emergency Manager.

Third, our ARES Liaison at Williamson County Emergency Services left the organization unexpectedly and was replaced with another staff member that is also a WCARES member. This will work fine for us as well.

A lot of change in less than 30 days at Williamson County Emergency Operations, our prime served agency. Fortunately, we constantly work at relationships in our agencies, and plan for changes by having depth of relationship throughout our served agencies. All these changes are ending up a strong support for WCARES. We have worked directly with all of them and expect relationship and operations to continue unabated as far as we can see in the future.

In fact, we have been engaged to get all projects up to date that were held up for one reason or another, and have several new tasks that will create a closer relationship with operations and communications along with Emergency Management support. New focus has been placed on HF comms and SHARES support for equipment we are installing for Emergency Management.

With all these changes and activities in October, and the EC out of country, the WCARES IMT and members operated at an exceptional level of expertise and professionalism. Congrats to all that participated. The system is working when the Incident Commander changes, and operations are highly successful in spite of unexpected challenges. Fabulous membership!

DISTRICT 08

DEC

Virtual support of two Red Cross disaster relief operations.

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

Man hours for public service events came from our club members who jointly participated in Beaumont, Orange and Mid county clubs bike ride event.

EC Jefferson County

Public Service Event Tour de Groves bicycle ride.

EC Newton County

See Jasper County for details.

EC Orange County

Nothing to report for October

EC Tyler County

DISTRICT 10

EC Goliad County

No Activity.

DISTRICT 12

EC Wilson County

MS Ride to the River, 2 Day event.

Ham support at breakpoints, one motor marshal.

DISTRICT 13

DEC

During October we had 9 Nets, 4 VHF and 5 HF. We were also invited to participate in the Cub Scouts Family Outing and had a Morse Code Challenge in which the scouts were to type their name in a CW keyer. If the ham could decipher the name, the scout received a certificate to commemorate his/her success and participation.

DISTRICT 14

DEC

WebEOC monthly login training 10/2

District 14 meeting 10/21 Ben K9NXS MARS-ARES interop presentation

Texas ARES Net (WB5HJV Net control)
Winlink for Beginner on the air training (W5LDK)
Houston Area Hospital Net
Texas Childrens West Antenna install
Wings over Houston comm support (3 days)
Red Cross Houston - radio room rework
Transtar tour- Harris Co EOC (ECHO/BVARC clubs)

EC Harris-NE County

K4MUP Earle Finley worked the Wings Over Houston Air Show Saturday and Sunday for a total of 24 hours. K5WEL Jimmy Wells work the WOH on Sunday for 12 hours. One emergency activation with street flooding with 6 ARES working. K9NXS and K5WEL reporting to net control. I cancelled the weekly net on Thursday with it being Halloween because of family involvement with the net members.

EC Harris-NW County

Busy month several public service events, and activation of EOC for MLB events. Net activity remained strong despite high service hours.

One member completed AUXCOMM workbook, now up for State certification, several more in progress.

EC Harris-SW County

We mourn the passing of Del Partridge, W5QQ, former EC of the SW group who gave many dedicated years of service to ARES. We will miss him.

TJ Butler, N5CFT planned an HF NVIS workshop on November 3 on the TranStar grounds and we expect a good turnout and a great experience for all.

Worked on pruning inactive members and also on the SMS bounces.

Nominated 3 for upcoming WebEOC training in November.

WebEOC drill was impacted as the correct incident was not created on the date the drill was to have taken place.

District 15

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