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

Total number of ARES members:1615                    Change since last month:9
# DECs/ECs reporting this month:37
# of ARES nets active:169                              # with NTS liaison:73

**Calls of ASEC/DECs/ECs reporting:** AD5CQ AE5VV AF5OS K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5LGV K5RIK K7MAL KB5DTS KD4HNX KD5BJ KE5FGA KE5HAM KE5MHJ KF5ACH KF5MOH KF5NIX KF5OYI KG5JRA KG5RXG KW5PA N5LVQ N5MGC N5MTX N5SBN N5TQ N5TW N5TW/XYL N5WKM NT5CC W5DY W5KKL W5MWI WB5UZZ WD5H

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| Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month | 110 | Person hours: | 3320 |
| Number of public service events this month | 79 | Person hours: | 1900 |
| Number of emergency operations this month | 0 | Person hours: | 0 |
| Total number of ARES operations this month | 358 | Person hours: | 5220 |

**SEC**
Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content
STX SEC Report generation
Work on ARES Connect approvals
Orange Hamfest Feb 23
4 weekly HF 3873 nets

ASEC Web
Installed software updates to the website and made backups which are stored
locally and two places on the remote server.

ASEC Other
STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.
Helped user regarding STX Depot map page inquiry.

ASEC Advisor
Most time spent testing new Winlink software and other Winlink station
related time.

DISTRICT 01

EC Galveston County

Drills, test and training includes 28 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members supporting the development, implementation and maintenance of emergency amateur radio communications equipment and procedures for the city of League City.

The public service event this month was the CERT Rodeo where 7 ARES members from Galveston County provided 100 hours of volunteer effort to help make the Rodeo a success.

DISTRICT 02

EC Walker County
During meeting discussed upcoming participation in COMMEX for April. Discussed ICS courses members need to have to work in EOC for our served agency.

DISTRICT 03

EC Hidalgo County
This month we participated in a Local Boston Marathon Qualifying race. Hidalgo County ARES provided race comms.

We deployed 18 team members at various locations and had a command center. We used this as a Training Exercise and used the NIMS/ICS protocols. We deployed battery/solar powered VHF/UHF phone and digital and had stationed and mobile units.

We had a "hot wash" after the event to examine what we did right, and what need improving for next time.

DISTRICT 04

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County
Not much happen during Feb. Low turnout at ARES meeting with 7 members.

EC Grimes County
Helped out the CERT Rodeo 2019

DISTRICT 06

EC Medina County
Medina County ARES Simplex contact training and point to point test.

DISTRICT 07

DEC
No EC in Bastrop County. All other counties are active and achieving success. Travis and Williamson are leading the pack in participation.

EC Caldwell County
Hours and number of personnel reported under Hays

EC Hays County
Working on both Seton Hays and Seton Edgar B Davis Hospital ARCHES stations fixing problems

EC Lee County
Received training with winlink and learned and build three go kits. Participated into WCARES and TCARES nets. Prepared for BAIT 2019 by preparing EAP, meeting several times with public officials, checking for staging and deployment areas, attending weekly meetings at EmComm and at ESOC, and recruited a future LCARES member as soon as he gets his FCC license.

EC Travis County
February, we participated in CAPCOG/CATRAC drill in which we stood up the EOC, several of the area hospitals and a NCS at a local high school. Several members attended the annual SKYWARN training.

EC Williamson County
WCARES has had multiple training evolution's this month. SKYWARN, Second Saturday training with Go Kit and Winlink, Pinnacle Peril OEM exercise activation with Williamson County OEM and County Integrated Incident Management Team. WCARES staffed EOC for this event with two different teams. This was a simulated terrorist attack with WMD. Pinnacle Peril day 2 was a CATRAC/ARCHES portion of Multiday Exercise. This day was ARCHES, we activated 4 hospitals, and Williamson County (Wilco) EOC for Winlink and radio communications of hospital reports and needs related to exercise scenario. Wilco OEM had training for the county IMT, including our teams members, plus others. We have two major events we are planning for at this time. Red Poppy Bike Ride of up to 100 miles on April 13th. and our Annual Wilco Multi Day SET on March 8 & 9. We are operating as IMT and radio comms for both events. WCARES has had Multiple training evolution's this month. SKYWARN, Second Saturday training with Go Kit and Winlink, Pinnacle Peril OEM exercise activation with Williamson County OEM and Incident Management Team. WCARES staffed EOC for this event with two different teams. This was a simulated terrorist attack with WMD. Pinnacle Peril day 2 was a CATRAC/ARCHES portion of Multiday Exercise. This day was ARCHES, we activated 4 hospitals, and Williamson County (Wilco) EOC for Winlink and radio communications of hospital reports and needs related to exercise scenario. Wilco OEM had training for the county IMT, including our teams members, plus others. We have two major events we are planning for at this time. Red Poppy Bike Ride of up to 100 miles on April 13th. and our Annual Wilco Multi Day SET on March 8 & 9. WCARES is doing the bulk of the Incident Management Team for this exercise which entails two counties OEM, Emergency Comms, Lee County ARES and WCARES and a significant number of assets. WCARES is in a unified command with Wilco Emergency Comms on this event. About 30 ARES members will participate. Many of our members are taking time off work to be available for this important exercise.

DISTRICT 08

DEC
1.Taught Facilitative Leadership, Emergency planning products, and
Geospatial information for disasters classes at Red Cross Southeast and
Caribbean Institute.
2. Processed addition of new County Liaison  for RACES in Lee County.

DISTRICT 09

EC Newton County
See Jasper report for details

EC Orange County
Working on addition upgrades for Orange Co. EOC amateur radios and marine
VHF radio.

EC Sabine County
GE Master II low band base station repaired and reprogrammed for 6M use.
Surplus Kenwood 100w low band mobile radio being repaired and programmed for
6M use.  Programmed 5 mobile and 5 HT P25's for VFD.  Reprogrammed,
outfitted and made available to the VFD 2 surplus CDM 1250's.  Installed 6
radios, coax and antennas in Commissioners vehicles.  Bad weather = Bench
time.

EC Tyler County
Annual review and update of the Tyler County ARES Standard Operating
Procedures and the Tyler County ARES Emergency Communication Plan completed.
ARES Members completed SkyWarn training given by the National Weather
Service.

DISTRICT 10

DEC
Band conditions are starting to improve some.

EC Goliad County
No Activity

DISTRICT 12

EC Guadalupe County
American Endurance Ride Conference River Run

DISTRICT 13

DEC
Our bi-weekly nets include training lessons on varied topics pertinent to
EMCOMM knowledge, skills and applications, i.e.  a) Net Control Operations,
b) Setting Up a Field Station, c) Safety, d) How To Use Repeaters During An

Emergency, e) How To Build a 24-hour Go-Kit, f) etc.

DISTRICT 14

DEC
WebEOC monthly login training Feb 6
Harris County CERT Rodeo Feb 9
WebEOC training class for district Feb 19

EC Harris-NE County
New AEC-Admin/acting EC as of 01Mar: K5WEL.

EC Harris-NW County
Very busy month with Public Health CASPER event and the CERT Rodeo.  New
record for Digital checkins on 2/24 with 62 messages from 20 separate
stations covering VHF, UHF,HF, & Mesh,

EC Harris-SW County
I cannot see participants in all events in ARES Connect in order to report
time for my team. For example, I cannot see participants for D14 Monthly
Meeting, CERT Rodeo, Pedaling the Prairie.

DISTRICT 15

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