

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

Total number of ARES members: 1687    Change since last month: 11  
# DEC/ECs reporting this month: 35  
# of ARES nets active: 143    # with NTS liaison: 46

Calls of DEC/ECs reporting: **AE5VV K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5LGV K5RIK  
K5WEL K7MAL KB5DTS KB5UJM KD4HNX KD5BJ KD5JBT KE5FGA  
KE5HAM 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	139	Person hours:	2509
Number of public service events this month	38	Person hours:	844
Number of emergency operations this month	2	Person hours:	188
Total number of ARES operations this month	322	Person hours:	3539

#### SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content  
STX SEC Report generation  
New EC for Bexar County Appointed – KB5UJM  
New EC for Harris County SE Unit Appointed - WB5TAD  
New DEC for Harris County Appointed - WB5HJV  
Attended Austin Summerfest Aug 3  
Tour de Goya Bike Ride Aug 17  
ARES HF Net Control Duty Aug 19

#### ASEC Web

Performed updates, added new article(s), made and downloaded backups.

#### ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.  
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.  
Fixed more instances of bug due to change from PHP 7.0 to 7.1.  
Studied user report that emails were not being received and fixed bug where CC: was not getting added to monthly reports and other Depot emails.  
Fix bug where mail attempted to send to blank CC: item.

Fixed bug where phone-entry errors on profile page still showed as errors, even after user had fixed them. This prevented registration from being submitted.

ASEC Advisor  
Winlink and repeater support activities.

#### DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County  
Quiet month. Training on nets and stand-by for heavy weather.

EC Galveston County  
The hours for drills, tests and training include 4 ARES members volunteering 30 hours in support of the emergency communication equipment for the city of League City. 6 ARES members supported a VEC test session, and two ARES members worked on the Galveston County Emergency Communications Go-Kits. In a rare event, there were no Public Service Events scheduled during the month of August.

EC Waller County  
36 voice 20 digital

#### DISTRICT 02

EC Walker County  
8-28-19 Meeting-Discussed digital operations. 2m SSB for local operations and P2P digital. Encouraged operators to complete FEMA independent study for IC 100 and NIMS 700.  
ANYONE THAT MAY READ THIS THAT HAS TRIED 2M SSB DIGITAL P2P, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 936-581-5565.

#### DISTRICT 03

#### DISTRICT 04

#### DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County  
Members brought question on task book and made powerpole connections. Ask members to send Winlink messages to each other. Several hospital radios were inspected. Worked with several at the CEOC Aug. 30th.

#### DISTRICT 06

EC Medina County  
Medina County ARES net, simplex operation for mapping coverage of county in event that repeated is down.

#### DISTRICT 07

DEC

Wilco continues to be an integral component with Emergency Management. Members now on activation roster with EOC and functioned well in an OEM drill in August. More regular drills planned.

EC Caldwell County

All hours and participation are reported under Hays Co.

EC Lee County

Prepared and finished PSC Go kit, and training about a possible hurricane. Started drafting procedure for Lee County in case of emergency and prepared a generic EAP for weather related incidents. Conducted LCARES monthly meeting and invited John Peek KF5ZMD to present a training. Attended SummerFest, EmComm meetings, and monthly meetings with other ARES groups, a member studied FEMA basic classes, and another passed COML class. Drafted MOU with WC-ARES, tested LCARES go kits, worked with K5GRG on switch for a go kit battery, investigate further issues with 501 c 3 for LCARES, met with public officials a couple of times to organize a meeting with LCARES to discuss procedures and LCARES service to Lee County agencies.

EC Travis County

TCARES acquired VHF/UHF jump kits from CTECC. We will give one to Lee County and one to CATRAC. TCARES will keep one. The kits will need refurbishment. In the middle of designing new website. TCARES was donated WP Engine hosting for 1 year. Planning for SET.

EC Williamson County

This month had group training on HF radios in county go kits. These are Yeasu FT-891. Nice transmitter, portable, lots of features. WCARES Red Team Members joined a Williamson County Emergency Management training event where entire ESOC IMT responded to a page out call by Emergency Manager. The exercise was about power out in one of our larger cities for over 12 hours and continuing. Hospital generator running out, and evac of critical patients. Our placed was to create the ICS 205 communications plan, and support for shelters and one hospital. Transfer of patient data from hospital via ARCHES stations, and coms back to ESOC and emergency manager from remote locations.

DISTRICT 08

DEC

1. Prepare Red Cross planning for El Paso mass casualty response
2. Prepare Red Cross advance material for Dorian response

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

Visit club web page for club updates. w5jas.org  
2 new hams and 1 upgrade over the last 2 months

EC Newton County

See Jasper country for full report

#### EC Orange County

Continued work and updates at new VHF repeater in Vidor, TX.  
A UHF repeater is expected to be installed at Vidor, Tx site, soon.

#### EC Sabine County

Extremely busy summer with Public Safety radio programming, installations and repairs for LE, VFD & Commissioners. Rehab of 245 ft. Public Safety tower in full swing. Collected enough spare equipment to install a VHF repeater on this tower for West Sabine ISD. They have not had repeater service in the schools or buses for 7 years. Will be moving ARES 440 repeater to this tower with a salvaged Andrew DB type antenna and 170 ft. of 7/8 Heliac from prior tower rehab project. Finally, some amateur radio accomplishment! Gifted contents of an Extra Class operators shack that he will no longer be able to use. To many items to list, still going thru boxes.

#### EC Tyler County

Tyler County ARES reviewed the updated wide area repeater network plan and discussed additional hardware upgrades to the WD5TYL Repeater to enhance and expand linking capabilities. Members agreed to purchase the additional hardware. A date for hardware installation and configuration will be set for the near future.

#### DISTRICT 10

#### DISTRICT 12

#### EC Bexar County

We have begun the process of professionalizing the amateur radio emergency service program. Although we are volunteers, that does not mean that our people cannot, and should not, meet a high standard of competent training, dependability, and be ready and able to respond to our served agencies. There has been a complete reassignment of emergency coordinator assistant positions, ensuring that person's background checks are up-to-date, issuance of new and updated credentials, as well as other core administrative and personnel functions.

#### DISTRICT 13

#### DISTRICT 14

#### DEC

WebEOC monthly login training 8/7  
District 14 meeting 8/19, George AD5CQ overview gen fuel conversion  
Harris County OEM EOC training (101/201) 8/27  
ECHO Meeting 8/13 KW5PA TDR presentation  
Houston Area Hospital Net w/ training 8/25  
D14 NE HC ARES meeting (HJV/LDK attended) 8/9  
FEMA TRAINING (IS online courses)  
ADEC Linda W5LDK met with Red Cross Senior Disaster Program Dir  
Austin Summerfest 8/2 - 8/3

Meeting w/ HCOHSEM Logistics Section Chief Joey Clements 8/16

EC Harris-NE County

301 Total man hours this month for monitoring, studying, reading, working on antennas ARES and TEAC meetings.

EC Harris-NW County

Continued training and preparations. No weather issues this month.

EC Harris-SW County

On-air Winlink training from Linda Kangas, W5LDK was well-received and she is planning more sessions with other units. Memorial Hermann Hospital has asked for the ham radio team to stand down for the rest of the year. We will continue to pursue restarting the team for next year by better integrating it with the hospital disaster preparedness staff. Dave Wells, KD5E is pursuing putting a ham station in at Harris County Constable Pct 5, office of Sheriff Ted Heap, using his relationship with the Sheriff. Harris County EOC sponsored EOC Training for volunteers and several of the team attended. EC Walt Sepaniac, N5TQ attended the ARES leadership meeting at Austin Summerfest and is working on future plans for the ARES team with our leadership.

DISTRICT 15

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