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Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters

ARRL Section: **South Texas** Month: **October** Year: **2016**

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 930	Change since last month: 16
# DECs/ECs reporting this month: 41	
# of ARES nets active: 270	# with NTS liaison: 51

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AB5AS AD5CA AD5CQ AE5VV K5BV K5DDM K5RIK K7MAL
K7PGC KB5DTS KB5RSV KD4HNX KD5CQ KE3D KE5FGA KE5HAM KE5MHJ KE5PWJ KF5ACH
KF5DDV KF5OYI KF5VIK KG5AYD KG5JRA N5HV N5MDT N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW
N5TW/XYL N5UMJ N5WKM N5YA NV5C W5DY W5FQA W5KVN W5MAE W5OE WB5UZZ
WB8FVB

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	118	Person hours:	1239
Number of public service events this month	66	Person hours:	2228
Number of emergency operations this month	0	Person hours:	0
Total number of ARES operations this month	454	Person hours:	3466

Comments:

- SEC:
- New STX HF Net manager AD5CA appointed
- Learning the information on the STX Depot
- Scheduling future hamfest attendance dates
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- ASEC Operations
- A couple of trips to our Taylor repeater chasing an intermittent noise problem, work on microwave link and Winlink support. Frank - thanks for your service as SEC!
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- ASEC Other (Depot)
- Will now count self (ASEC) as 0 on these monthly reports. Dropped code to add SEC Toolkit functionality to STX Depot: new page Monthly Analysis & Toolkit. Added choice point to Staffing page to download XML file to build Outlook contacts. Created standalone windows program to take that XML file and build the contacts. Added new title to Depot "ASEC SM Data", with Master authority. Prepared monthly analysis of stats etc. Updated STX Depot Authority Matrix spreadsheet.
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- ASEC Travis Co (Broadband):
- Installed uwave link from Seton NW hospital to 3M building. This links Cedar Park Regional Medical Center (williamson county) with northern Travis. The link caused interference with the hospital system so we will change it. I replaced several of the old PCEs at the EOC (CTECC) with newer win 7 units using solid state drives. Two more in November to have all upgraded. My personal tower foundation is in and will be raised in November (55ft). Back on HF with a real

signal. Nov 2nd we ran a hospital drill with CATRAC. 18 winlink messages sent. Our fall SET drill will occur on Nov 5th.

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- ASEC Web:
- Jeff, for reporting purposes I consider the ARRLSTX website to be a Public Service Event with just me doing most the work... Lee, W5LHC, and I have been working on a new version of the website... More info to come out soon.
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- Galveston County:
- Includes 37 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members supporting the development and implementation of emergency communications equipment and procedures for the City of League City.
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- Walker County:
- Any plans trying to attempt some more 60 meter contact? Did monitor MARS info last Sunday and made interop contact on Monday. For monitor with MARS, submitted their requested info via internet.
- DEC 03:
- Had a mock emergency drill. Had to set up a line of communication from the County EOC to the county line. Had lots of fun and everyone did a great job.
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- Kleberg County:
- Kleberg County ARES is currently under a complete transformation. The former club was disbanded, and a new club established by newly appointed EC Harley Schwartz. The new club "Kleberg County ARES" was established with the call sign W5KCA. The club was offered continued use of the Kleberg County EOC. An office approx. 13'x10' was completely stripped and rebuilt for the sole purpose of ARES radio operations. Easily 18 to 24 hours a week is being volunteered in the County EOC for ARES purposes. An open house and work party is scheduled for Nov. 12th at 11:00 am. We expect to be 100% very soon.
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- Brazos County:
- Brad Davis visited and showed off the type 1 gokit. We have visitors from Grimes and Leon Co ARES. We go down to the CEOC each Friday morning to test equipment. We are installing a second Wingate under the callsign of N5BRZ. Working with Grimes co ARES on training exercises.
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- Grimes County:
- Participated in STXSET. Conducted JOTA deployment
- Have weekly net with NTS liaison
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- DEC 08
- Taught GIS classes (RC View) for emergency operations in three Red Cross chapters
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- McCulloch
- Weather has been nice, rain has been good-----SSCRREEECH!!! Seems like something else has been more important than ham radio. We all need to do our part. I am especially guilty of it myself. When it's time to talk radio, let's do it.....
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- Calhoun County:
- Attended MARS Webinar on 10-25-16
- Participated in the AMRA-Amateur Exercise on 60 Mtrs on 11-1-16 UTC
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- DeWitt County:
- 3 members assisted in providing radio communications for the Goliad Bike ride.
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- Matagorda County:
- Note 1: Training hours are based on .25 hr/operator for each net session.
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- Guadalupe County
- MS 150 Ride to the River
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- Harris County-NE
- 11/4/2016 NE ARES: Many of our members volunteered for Wings Over Houston and the Simplex Net. Net was difficult to hear in NE Harris County. Monthly TEAC and ARES meeting were well attended.
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- Harris County-NW
- PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS
- Tour de Cure 10/01
- 10 for Texas 10/8
- Octoberfest Triathlon 10/9
- Bike Around the Bay 10/15
- Bike Around the Bay 10/16
- Wings over Houston 10/21
- Wings over Houston 10/22
- Wings over Houston 10/23
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- Harris County-SW
- ARES members: 117 registered for Dist 14 SW, but 22 were active this month. Trying to drive more participation through establishing regular emails and by phone conversations.
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- DEC Harris County:
- 1 Tour de Cure Oct 1
- 2 WebEOC Drill Oct 5
- 3 Shell Bike Around the Bay Oct 15-16
- 4 Texas ARES Net as net control station N5TRS
- 5 Radio/Antenna work at HCHSOEM by KB2WF
- 6 District 14 WebEOC Meeting Oct 17 (30 participants)
- 7 Wings Over Houston Check Point Charlie Oct 22
- 8 Wings Over Houston Check Point Charlie Oct 23
- 9 Wide Area Net Oct 30 (69 participants)

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