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

Total number of ARES members:	1520	Change since last month:	-9
# DECs/ECs reporting this month:	36		
# of ARES nets active:	158	# with NTS liaison:	38

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: AD5CQ AE5VV AL5J K5BV K5DDM K5GOL K5LGV K7MAL KB5DTS
KD5CQ KE3D KE5FGA KE5HAM KE5WPY KF5ACH KF5OYI KF5VIK KG5DLD KG5JRA KK5LO KM5QT
N5LVQ N5MDT N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW/XYL N5UMJ N5WKM NT5CC NV5C W5DY
WB5UZZ

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	72	Person hours:	1389
Number of public service events this month	38	Person hours:	829
Number of emergency operations this month	0	Person hours:	0
Total number of ARES operations this month	268	Person hours:	2218

Comments:

SEC

Work on STX Webpage updates of ARES content
STX SEC report generation

ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.

ASEC Broadband

The character of the proposed backbone is changing. I am not driving the direction. In order to coordinate Williamson and Travis counties, a Project manager has been proposed (NA6M). There will be some sort of advisory group with limited power. This will probably result in some type of backbone which will base on a licensed service at mostly 3.5 GHz. This will allow minimum interference to existing systems and allow carrying of encrypted traffic (https, ssh, etc). This departs from the ideas some of have proposed which was based on the euro hamnet model. This was more flexible, but more complicated. This system allowed interconnection of BBHN and other mesh topologies. I may have done myself out of a job here.

I have been in and out of town. Each trip seems to mean a trip to our EOC to repair stuff. WE have reached an agreement to install VHF/UHF antennas at the CATRAC hq. This is the location that they provide coordination for all of the 11 counties in EMTF 7. We had a recent exercise in Bosque cty where ARES provided voice and data comms to the Austin CATRAC hq.

DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County

RCU to Amer Legion Post for demo and HF ops. Units marshal for Cypress 1/2 Marathon.

EC Galveston County

Includes 23 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members supporting the continued development and operation of emergency communications equipment and procedures for the city of League City and 4 hours of volunteer time by one ARES member working on the emergency communications go-kits for the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management.

DISTRICT 02

EC Walker County

November 4th, 4 WC ARES conducted SET exercise. Station was portable and used generator power. 3 HF units and 3 2/440 rigs used. Made contact with several local responders on county radio system. Cub Scout troupe with 30 plus and adult supervisors visited and used two way radio. 4 visitors to site also.

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

several members participate Nov. 4-6 DOD - amateur radio communications exercise. They gave a report for Brazos county.

ARES preforms maintenance on radios that are used by local organizations for communications at public events. These radios are on a commercial 800 truck system.

EC Grimes County

helped with communications for Tour de Cure ride in Waller County

DISTRICT 06

EC Bandera County

4 members completed ICS 100

4 members completed ICS 700

DISTRICT 07

DEC

Wilco continues to lead the pack in operations.

EC Travis County

Met with Travis County Emergency Services staff on enhanced TCARES participation.

EC Williamson County

Started testing DRATS software during Training NETS this month. Specifically the CHAT function. This is due to looking for a computer platform to share files and real time info, without having WebEOC available to all WCARES members.

DISTRICT 08

EC McCulloch County

Stay warm - it has cooled off again. Keep your ham shack warm by leaving radio equipment on.

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

Annual club Christmas dinner at Casa Ole. Working on additional repeater freq. More info in a few months.

EC Newton County

See Jasper report for additional details.

EC Tyler County

The Holiday Season is upon us. ARES activities are slowing down this time of year. We wish all of our ARES family a blessed and Merry Christmas!

DISTRICT 10

EC DeWitt County

No activity this month.

EC Goliad County

No activity

DISTRICT 14

DEC

WebEOC monthly login training
STX HF Net Control
Tour de Cure Bike Ride support

EC Harris-NE County

Kings Harbor Kingwood TX public service event. Houston Police Dept requested comms assistance during a tribute to first responders. All went very well. No emergencies. Two new members joined the NE HCty Dist 14 unit. Last month meeting took place at a served agency location. Atascocita Fire Dept EOC was toured by comms operators.

EC Harris-NW County

Year end adjustment to the number of ACTIVE ARES members in the Northwest Unit resulted in a 17 count decrease.

2017 started out, as usual with the Houston Marathon, CERT Rodeo and the BP MS 150. There were numerous other Public Service Events during the year that ARES members were

active participants.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Harvey was a major emergency event during August and September and required emergency operation activation. Harris County Public Health also activated two initiatives after the hurricane to evaluate public preparedness and requested ARES support.

As we end the year I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
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EC Northwest ARES District 14

EC Harris-SW County

Had our first net on WA5F repeater on 442.5 and coverage for the SW area was good.

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