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Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters
ARRL Section: South Texas Month: June Year: 2020
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 1556 Change since last month: -108
DEC/ECs reporting this month: 31
of ARES nets active: 150 # with NTS liaison: 65

Calls of DEC/ECs reporting: **AE5VV K0LTB K0YA K5BV K5LGV K5RIK K5WEL
K7MAL KB5DTS KD4HNX KD5BJ KD5JBT KE5FGA KF4WSO KF5NIX KG5JRA
KG5RXG KI5FU KW5PA N5LVQ N5MTX N5SBN N5TW/XYL N5WKM NT5CC W3OQ
W5IM WB5HJV WB5TAD WB5UZZ WD5H WP2AHG**

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	115	Person hours:	2283
Number of public service events this month	19	Person hours:	445
Number of emergency operations this month	5	Person hours:	176
Total number of ARES operations this month	289	Person hours:	2902

SEC

Work on STX webpage updates of ARES Content

STX SEC Report generation

Worked on cleaning up the database, correcting data and removing some entries

Printed badges for District 12 members

ARES HF Net Control Duty June 15

Appointed new EC for Fort Bend County - K0LTB June 18

ASEC Web

Continue to back up the ARRLSTX.org website and do updates.

Did a complete website restore on a temporary host while the server for the website and ARES vault was upgraded. The Groups.io ARRLSTX group as 50 members and the STXARES group has 572 members.

ASEC Other

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

Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.

Revised "Explain Process" information on Badges page.

Worked with Justhost to deal with required upgrade from CENTOS 6 to CENTOS 7 operating system on our server.

Studied work needed to get our site onto upgraded CENTOS 7 server.

ASEC Other (continued)

Monitored upgrade status with the host.

Updated details for the STX Depot site after the host upgrade was complete.

Corrected layout for Rosters > Capability and Public Service pages.

Implemented new feature to add Affiliation (Red Cross, RACES) to profile page.

Question to host about lack of access to hosting dashboard. Now corrected.

DISTRICT 01

EC Fort Bend County

Had individuals involved in Home Field Day, participation on nets outside of our geographic area, KG5WDF conducted 2 training sessions on JS8CALL and KA9IKK conducted a training session on NTS Radiogram.

EC Galveston County

Total hours for drills, tests and training included 51 hours by 5 members supporting the Galveston County CCTA Table Top Exercise, 16 hours by 1 member updating Galveston County's emergency Go-Kits, 8 hours by 1 member maintaining League City's EmComm equipment, and 104 hours by 2 retired members volunteering in support of various amateur radio testing and training activities.

EC Waller County

27 voice 14 digital

DISTRICT 02

DISTRICT 03

DISTRICT 04

EC Live Oak County

The EOC was activated for Field Day on June 27 by Frank Pattillo KC5QPP, Tracy Lewis KI5GZE and guest operator Chris Rivas KI5JBQ. It was discovered that one radio station was not operable, but the group was able to operate the other station for a few hours. Chris Rivas KI5JBQ is a new ham in the area, but not affiliated with ARES yet.

DISTRICT 05

EC Brazos County

Worked on N5SBN-5 Winlink mailbox at CEOC. We have two Winlink iGATE's that are operational locally. We held our monthly meeting as a radio net. Members help run a Winlink station at Field Day using solar power. We had good visits showing and talking about the what ARES does.

EC Grimes County

We did field day at home due to COVID-19

DISTRICT 06

DISTRICT 07

EC Caldwell County
Data submitted under Hays Co. report

EC Hays County
Data reflects Caldwell Co. inclusion

EC Lee County
Another busy month for LeeCARES. Coordinated weather response and discussed training nets with Milam Co. EC. Worked in planning for the EmComm tower at LeeCARES EC residence with W5MAE and received anchor base. Hired man to pour concrete.

Thanks on articles on two Lee County papers about the Red Cross exercise we participated in, we received a donation of an older Ham Radio and CB radios, antenna, and other emergency communications equipment from Sons of Hermann, enough to fill the back of an Excursion. We took delivery and started testing it. So far what we tested is in good condition.

We improved the EC PCs and monitors in the radio shack to improve capabilities for SKYWARN nets and other emergency events. We strategized how we can help our county authorities in real events, by coordinating a mock training and then helping them on the side of small regular events, to build relationships, trust, and to know how they operate to be ready for a real emergency or disaster.

We held our June monthly meeting where we welcomed two visitors interested to join ARES. On Field Day we participated contacting via voice 20 states, all three sections of Texas, and Canada, giving a demonstration to LeeCARES members who have only a technician license of HF operations. KF5PWN demonstrated the HF digital mode JS8Call.

We improved the LeeCARES website by adding PayPal.

KI5ABB successfully completed two J pole antennas, one portable, and KI5HHI completed three FEMA classes, 100, 200, and 700.

EC Travis County
General meeting held via Zoom again. Topic was FD Prep. We also were able to place ARES logo on our ECT. Had on air training each net.

DISTRICT 08

DEC
Red Cross support as Information, planning and GIS regional lead. Support Covid-19 intelligence and response activities.

DISTRICT 09

EC Orange County

for June, work continues at the Orange County EOC radio room and some antenna maintenance. The Orange Red Cross facility has very limited access to the building due to COVID-19. No testing or maintenance to the radios and antennas are possible, at this time.

EC Tyler County

Tyler County ARES planned to meet in July but had cancelled the July meeting due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. We will continue to meet on the air until ...

DISTRICT 10

DISTRICT 12

DISTRICT 13

DISTRICT 14

DEC

TEXAS ARES Statewide HF Net (WB5HJV NCS) 80 check ins 6/1

WEBEOC Training 6/3 (19 participants)

Texas Children's Hospital presentation creation

ECHO Society Amateur Radio Club 6/8

NE Unit meeting DEC/ADEC 6/2

District 14 Virtual Meeting featuring ARC Drill results 6/15 (39 participants)

WOMAC RMS Gateway VHF/UHF work (WB5HJV)

Meeting with Houston Red Cross officials 6/5, 6/11 between Lisa Uhlich and Linda W5LDK

Amateur Radio and Texas Children's Hospital presentation 6/11

Oak Forest Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6/27

District 14 new member onboarding process discussion 6/22 (8 participants)

SETRAC off the Grid drill 6/26 W5LDK/WB5HJV, 3 served agencies activated (W5LDK/WB5HJV)

Houston Area Hospital Net 6/28 (K5OB NCS) (31 participants)

HF Nets, VHF Nets 7290, TTN, Texas ARES, (WB5HJV)

NW Unit performed active member review reducing members > 100

Upgrade HF RMS gateways to new version of VARA HF (4.02) 6/30

EC Harris-NE County

The TEAC nets are not included which were 4.

EC Harris-NW County

We remain under restricted gatherings due to Covid. Team is continuing to have exceptional participation in Net activities as well as using group Video conferencing to stay connected. One large rain event, but no hurricane activity to date. We remain vigilant.

EC Harris-SW County

- Walt Sepaniac N5TQ appointed as Liaison AEC
- Wayne Johnson K5OB appointed Admin AEC
- AEC team evaluating options for collaborative workspaces and file sharing.
- Attended D14 New Member On-Boarding meeting with Admin AEC Wayne K5OB & Liaison AEC Walt N5TQ.

DISTRICT 15

DEC Cameron County

Information Ares Nets held 7 days a week, DMR Nets, HF Ares Net, Red Cross Emergency Drill, Traffic sent via Packet Winlink, FM Vera Winlink. Face to face meetings, and video conferencing.

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