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Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters
ARRL Section: **South Texas** Month: **February** Year: **2018**
AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members:1527	Change since last month:9
# DEC/ECs reporting this month:37	
# of ARES nets active:177	# with NTS liaison:53

Calls of ASEC/DECs/ECs reporting: AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV K5BV K5DDM K5LGV K5RIK K7MAL
KB5DTS KB5RSV KD4HNX KD5BJ KE5FGA KE5HAM KF5ACH KF5NIX KF5OYI KF5VIK KG5DLD KK5LO
KW5PA N5MGC N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW/XYL N5WKM NT5CC NV5C W0HIP W5DY W5KKL
W5MWI WB5UZZ

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	95	Person hours:	2483
Number of public service events this month	45	Person hours:	1315
Number of emergency operations this month	0	Person hours:	0
Total number of ARES operations this month	317	Person hours:	3801

SEC

Work on STX webpage update of ARES content.
STX SEC report generation

ASEC Web

No major changes except for banner. Backups made and downloaded to my local PC.

ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent each week.
Fixed bug regarding Depot access in case of main-county-non-EC who had aux-county-EC authority.

Sent info to SEC, SM and ASEC Web regarding security topics.
Responded to user input regarding email/text bounces. Fixed a text-carrier string in the database.

DISTRICT 01

EC Galveston County

The tests and training include 33.4 hours of volunteer time by 3 ARES members working on emergency communication procedures and equipment for the city of League City and 36 hours of volunteer time by 2 ARES members working on 12

emergency communications Go-Kits for the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management

DISTRICT 02

EC Houston County

A national bicycle race was held in Crockett and in rural Houston county on Feb. 10 and 11. We were asked to provide communication for the event. We supplied our incident command bus and five operators. One in the bus and four operators in their own vehicles. The course on Sunday was 81.5 miles. We had to lead each wave that left the starting gate that run the course. The temp in early morn was in the low thirties. Ice formed on their bike head gear. Finally warmed up mid-forties. Those guys could get about forty five downhill and eighteen to twenty up hill. We had some really steep and long hills too. We had about four hundred riders. Everything went well except for one accident. No one hurt.

They were very pleased with our assistance. They wanted our help for next year.

EC Walker County

Feb 3&4 WC CERT supported Tejas Trails Rocky Raccoon 100 mile trail run. 2 ARES operators from Montgomery Co. logged 24 hours as Command Post Operators. WC ARES had 2 operators logged 36 hours. Feb 10 WC CERT supported Tejas Trails Rocky Raccoon 50 mile trail run. 3 WC ARES operators logged total of 48 hours.

Feb 24 WC CERT/ARES supported Emergency Tracking Network drill that involved local shelter teams, Texas State Guard ETN teams, WC OEM, SHSU, and local law enforcement. 3 operators logged 21 hours.

DISTRICT 06

EC Kerr County

Weather Classes for Skywarn Net

DISTRICT 07

DEC

Seeing lots of growth in District 7 with expanded capability in Travis and Williamson Counties. Williamson County will be officially supporting any needs in Lee County until Lee gets on its feet.

EC Hays County

Working on setting up Hays Seton with ARCHES capability

EC Lee County

Public event was meeting with County Judge, Lee County Emergency Coordinator DeLynn Peschke, and Lee Co. Judge of the Peace Pct. 2 Michael York and with D7 EC Ken Malgren and WC EC Terry Jones, and meeting with Robert Zoch, owner of several towers to initiate possibility to put repeaters that cover Lee and Williamson counties. Not included in "Man Hours" are the drafting of the Lee County Emergency Communication Plan which is almost completed, missing information on repeaters and such. Worked on script for the net and communicated with former Lee Co Coordinator Butch Johnson and current trustee

of the 147.220 Lee Co ARES repeater, Don Spivey, about net possibilities and other advice. Start getting familiar with the Lee County Emergency plan.

EC Travis County

338 volunteer hours working on Mobile Emergency Communications Trailer

EC Williamson County

Have begun expanding our relationship with City of Georgetown through their City Emergency Manager, Chad Berg, via the fire Dept. Making plans to expand our City of Georgetown EOC support by a number of radios including HF and WCARES ham internet backbone as a backup to the center. In the process of expanding our Badge access to several WCARES members at this time for support. Will be supporting City during Red Poppy festival in April.

Began planning operations for Fall multi day SET with Wilco Emergency Management, Wilco Emergency Communications, and Coast Guard Auxiliary, plus surrounding count ARES groups. Set for beginning of November 2018.

During Feb WCARES did preventative maintenance on our new COMMS trailer; have the generator PM'ed, All assets run well. Generator, 40'mast holds pressure, all systems go. Installing VHF/UHF, APRS, Networking gear, IP phones with PBX, and HF in beginning of March.

City of Georgetown has made a covered and powered location to park our Emcomm trailer at their EOC and training facility. Plus some comms gear from Emergency Management. We will have 24hr access to our unit via authorized WCARES members.

We held our first WCARES meeting at City of Georgetown Operations and Training & EOC center in February. All monthly meetings will be held there going forward and hosted by City of Georgetown EM.

WCARES membership is Stoked about these developments!

DISTRICT 08

DEC

1. Prepare RC EAP for SxSW March Event with ICS forms including ICS 205 (Communications Plan)
2. Support training class
3. Seek source for 47.42 MHz radio purchases (RC)

DISTRICT 09

EC Jasper County

Gained two new members from Leesville area.

EC Newton County

See Jasper County for complete info.

Attended ARRL meeting with Lee Cooper at Orange Hamfest

EC Orange County

Equipment installation and antenna work continues at Orange County EOC Radio Room.

EC Sabine County

Enjoyed seeing other District 9 ARES members at the Orange Hamfest as well as presentations from Paul Gilbert and Lee Cooper. Early Voting has had me exiled from the EOC and radio room. Small Counties have to multi-purpose all available space. Ready to get to work.

EC Tyler County

Tyler County ARES EC and AEC met with County Emergency Management Officials to discuss goals and objective for 2018. We identified several joint projects that we will be working together with the County to complete this calendar year. These projects will improve our emergency communication between the local hospital, EOC and Sheriff Department. We also began FEMA ICS Training.

DISTRICT 10

EC DeWitt County

No activity this month.

EC Goliad County

No Activity

DISTRICT 14

DEC

WebEOC monthly login training
District 14 meeting Feb 19. Hurricane Harvey recap.
STX HF Net control Feb 12

EC Harris-NE County

NE Harris Cty Dist 14 ARES: One additional ham operator has joined our unit; Bill KG5HEF. Bill is from Tomball and my switch over to the NW Harris Cty Dist 14 ARES unit which will make it easier to make the monthly meetings. 2018 CERT Rodeo and CFRT meeting was a large Public Service Event this month. Winlink Digital check ins have been strong over the month. We exercised both of our EOC radio stations this month. Atascocita Fire Dept and Memorial Hermann NE Hospital. MHNE had water problems resulting in one of two computers to go down. Also some type of damage has been done to the coax inside the EOC resulting in static during transmission on one of the two VHF/UHF radios.

EC Harris-NW County

1. Net voice participation rebounded this month to average 21 per net.
2. Digital participation growing, passing 40 checkins per net.
3. Good showing at CERT rodeo, weather terrible, NW provided 38% of operating HAMS.
4. Great presentation by Mark Landress WB5ANN introducing Digital Modes to members from all of Harris Counties 4 groups.

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