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

Total number of ARES members:1555      Change since last month:12  
# DECs/ECs reporting this month:41  
# of ARES nets active:225      # with NTS liaison:83

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: **AB5AS AD5CQ AE5VV AF5EK K5BV K5DDM  
K5LGV K5RIK K7MAL KB5DTS KD5BJ KD5JBT KE5FGA KE5HAM  
KE5MHJ KF5ACH KF5MOH KF5NIX KF5OYI KG5DLD KK5LO KW5PA  
N5LVQ N5MDT N5MGC N5MTX N5RZQ N5SBN N5TQ N5TW N5TW/XYL  
N5UMJ N5WKM W0HIP W5DY W5KKL W5MWI WB5UZZ**

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month	87	Person hours:	1759
Number of public service events this month	33	Person hours:	742
Number of emergency operations this month	6	Person hours:	116
Total number of ARES operations this month	351	Person hours:	2617

#### SEC

Work on STX Webpage updates of ARES content  
STX SEC Report generation  
Note of Kerr County operation for Llano fire below.

#### ASEC Other

STX Depot web pages and database oversight. Monthly review & stats.  
Fixed bug when entering empty date for equipment inventory item.  
Weekly Depot bounce report for pages sent during each week.

#### ASEC Advisor

I've been chasing an intermittent problem for a while on my relatively new Winlink machine and this has taken a lot of time... As a backup, I have added a bunch of Bluetooth com ports and other switching to be able to switch everything over to my main computer in a few minutes.

#### DISTRICT 01

##### EC Galveston County

The man hours listed for drills, tests and training include 24 hours by 3 ARES members supporting emergency communication development and support for the city of League City,

plus 12 hours by 2 ARES members in support of the Galveston County Emergency communications Go-Kits.

#### DISTRICT 02

#### DISTRICT 03

##### EC Hidalgo County

Our ARES members participated in Operation Lone Star, making contact with the SOC. Traffic was also passed using winlink and echolink.

#### DISTRICT 04

#### DISTRICT 05

##### EC Brazos County

Several members helped take inventory of radio equipment at the EOC. Several members got Skyline HT radios (commercial system) ready to be used by volunteers at a public event. Asked members to attend Austin Summerfest. Asked to schedule the quarterly checking of the Ham equipment in the hospitals. Asked members to send Winlink messages. Showed the members the placement of the Red Cross ham equipment after it moved to a news position in the building.

#### DISTRICT 06

##### EC Kerr County

Our dual ARES/Red Cross members deployed with the local chapter to the Llano Wildfire. Communications equipment was taken but not needed for this incident. These members instead supported the Chapter in its canteen efforts.

#### DISTRICT 07

#### DEC

Resubmittal with Lee County updates.

##### EC Caldwell County

Statistics for Caldwell are included in Hays Co Reporting.

##### EC Hays County

Due to extreme weather, the Antenna mounting at Hays Seton ARCHES has been delayed.

##### EC Lee County

I met with the Lee County Judge and Emergency Coordinator to discuss a possible demonstration in Lee County with WILCO and WC ARES in the fall 2018 and to recruit Lee Co ham operators for Lee County ARES. I met also with WILCO, Ken Malgren, wearing both WILCO and ARES hats, and Lee County Emergency Coordinator at Wilco for the same, and

Lee Co. Emergency Coordinator was introduced to WC ARES. The exercise was introduced to WC ARES, too. That meeting was followed by another meeting this time in Lee County in which the Williamson County representatives met with Lee County Judge and Emergency Coordinator to discuss the same. Thanks to WC ARES, made progress in securing a frequency for a second Lee County ARES repeater. Now we are in progress to secure the equipment to become operational. Searched and drafted the Lee County ARES Bylaws. Attended TC ARES training on power poles and cross band repeater and progressed in my training by passing 4 of the 7 FEMA classes of the Professional Development Series. Registered to the ARES Connect. Served four times as net control for Bastrop County ARES training net.

#### EC Williamson County

July was a slow month. Lots of members on vacation in July, including EC on two week vacation. 4th of July week had no activity for ARES this year. WCARES had one SKYWARN activation in July. Had two repeater failures due to weather related causes during SKYWARN net, but net successfully moved to new repeaters both times. Good Net Management and NCS. One activation WCARES placed two members on standby to deploy with Williamson County RMC3 communications vehicle to fire in Burnett county and Wilco ESOC for AuxComs, as per new policy with county. RMC3 was released before we were activated to deploy this event. Lee county Emergency Management Coordinator attended our July WCARES monthly meeting. Joint Exercise for Lee and Williamson County ARES & Emergency Management scheduled for November as BAIT 2018.

#### DISTRICT 08

##### DEC

1. Teaching ConOps (ICS) for the Red Cross San Antonio 20 hours
2. Responding to San Marcos Apt Fire disaster for Red Cross 70 hours

#### DISTRICT 09

##### EC Jasper County

Man hours up due to some over the air training after each net on ARES plan and basic training from ARRL material. This training was held in conjunction with the WCLARC (West Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club) in Vernon Parish across the river from Newton County. We link our repeaters during each ARES net which is held each Monday evening at 8pm. We have been doing this for the last 5 years, with good results. It keeps us in contact with our Louisiana neighbors in case of Sabine River flooding or Hurricanes. Several years ago, we lost all bridges below the Toledo Bend dam across the river in our area which made us aware that more training was necessary.

##### EC Jefferson County

Still working on Jefferson Co ARES member list.

##### EC Newton County

See Jasper report for man hours and details.  
Reports are combined for both counties.

#### EC Sabine County

Apologize for my absence the past few months. Work has required my full attention. Grant for EOC 48 kW generator ripened ensuring no down time for N5SAB station. Dispatch Console grant for Sheriff's Office broke at same time. New antenna installed on main tower for Interop radio. Have a new ARES member, AF5ET, Extra Class. Todd's expertise will be a great addition. Work status changing to part time in January. More time for Ham on the horizon.

#### EC Tyler County

Tyler County EC and 3 ARES members participated in the Woodville Teen Police Academy. This was a 4 day event for teen agers sponsored by the Woodville, TX, Police Department. We provided a classroom overview of Amateur Radio, ARES, RACES, emergency operations and a hands on demonstration of radio's and equipment. Teen Cadets had an opportunity to make contacts using handheld radios and a base station. It was a success. We sparked an interest in Amateur Radio and may be gaining several new Ham's.

#### DISTRICT 10

##### DEC

Counting the hours for Austin Summerfest

#### EC Calhoun County

#6 10 man hours testing, maintaining and training on equipment in Calhoun County EOC

#### EC Goliad County

No Activity

#### DISTRICT 12

#### DISTRICT 13

#### EC Dimmit County

Dimmit County and Zavala County are one unit

#### DISTRICT 14

##### DEC

WebEOC monthly login training July 4

NARS Club presentation July 20

Wide Area Net July 29 with 64 check-ins.

#### EC Harris-NE County

Replacement EC still being sought.

Experiencing usual summer slowdown of events and activities.

Larger participation in weekly nets.

EC Harris-NW County

Continued good participation in Nets and digital check-ins. Training focus on activation and performance during emergencies. Very lucky so far this summer, but we are staying vigilant.

EC Harris-SW County

Communicated to team members that two FEMA training classes, IS100c and IS700b, have been updated. While not required for general members, they will be required for anyone taking formal classroom training like ICS-300, ICS-400, AUXCOMM, COM-L, COM-T, etc.

The WebEOC training exercise for July was not posted until several days after the drill date, which likely impacted the participation level.

DISTRICT 15

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