

ARES Connect Monthly Report – July 2019

Number of persons registered per District in this reporting month

	Registered		Registered
District 01 - WD8PNZ	151	District 02 - W8UY	42
District 03 - W8LLY	184	District 04 - N8TFD	126
District 05 - KC8SYF	112	District 06 - W8DLB	63
District 07 - KB8YMN	232	District 08 - N8SUZ	55
District 09 - W8FHF	63	District 10 - N8AUC	175
Total Registered Users June: 1,205 Last Month 1,132 (6.1% increase from June)			

Number of hours volunteered per District in this reporting month

	Hours Volunteered		Hours Volunteered
District 01 - WD8PNZ	1,322.5	District 02 - W8UY	83.25
District 03 - W8LLY	599.57	District 04 - N8TFD	192.50
District 05 - KC8SYF	521.25	District 06 - W8DLB	421.70
District 07 - KB8YMN	1,443.56	District 08 - N8SUZ	27.25
District 09 - W8FHF	241.05	District 10 - N8AUC	821.40
Total Registered User Hours: 5,674.03 Total Anonymous Hours: 5,650.65 Total Hours: 11,324.68			

Breakdown by Event Classification for this reporting month

	# of Events	# of Persons	Hours Credited
Communications Emergency	0	0	0
Community Event	71	110	1,083.00
Exercise	0	0	0
Meeting	46	209	912.25
Net	294	1124	2,272.82
Skywarn	42	294	502.25
Training	63	136	680.91
Miscellaneous	26	10	61.25
Unclassified – All events not listed above	236	997	5,812.20
Total	778	2,880	11,324.68

Breakdown of training levels for this reporting month

Level 1	606
Level 2	450
Level 3	149
Total: 1,205	

Top 10 persons for hours volunteered in this reporting month

Name	Events	Hours
Mathew Nickoson (KC8NZJ)	10	169.50
Bret Stemen (KD8SCL)	49	167.00
Michael Klaiss (KC8BUJ)	18	117.20
Timothy Gray (KD8IZU)	14	109.75
Dan Stahl (KC8PBU)	44	107.75
Robert Baker (N8ado)	26	105.90
Greg Dersarkisian (KD8SSJ)	20	100.00
James Yoder (w8erw)	9	99.70
John Westerkamp (W8LRJ)	43	97.41
Diane Warner (KE8HLD)	22	93.50

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Bret Stemen (KD8SCL)	49	167.00
Dan Stahl (KC8PBU)	44	107.75
John Westerkamp (W8LRJ)	43	97.41
John Malarky (KE8IWZ)	42	43.75
Elizabeth Klinc (KE8FMJ)	40	54.73
Michael Farkas (n8gbu)	40	50.00
Henry Ruminski (W8HJR)	36	92.93
Alan Rothweiler (N8CJ)	32	90.00
Heinz Stucki (KB8VIP)	28	22.40
Colleen Roth (N8TNV)	28	14.00

Written Reports for this reporting month:

We did great for July- lots of activities ('tis the season!) Best wishes to all and many thanks for everything you do!

There were a lot of large-scale activities, and our operators showed their professionalism. In Delaware, we had a reminder that ~any~ event can turn deadly serious in a heartbeat...as we plan and operate, remember to be ready!

Have a great August!

Ohio ARES Monthly Activity Report – July 2019

District 1

Busy Month with the Toledo Airshow

Seneca County-EC James Hershberger KE8ERN: The Seneca County ARES group and The W8ID Seneca Radio Club had a booth at the Seneca County Fair. We operated a special event station W8ID commemorating the 177th year of the fair. This ran from July 22 to July 28.

Huron County-EC Craig Franklin KD8KWU: 2 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings

Sandusky County-EC Owen Fritz KD8GSI: To just think how quickly the month of July has gone by is remarkable. One of the highlights that I always enjoy is how the ARES group was able to assist at the Toledo Air Show. It is awesome for members to see firsthand how a large-scale event works with all the operations and modes of communication used. The camera setups and even VOIP setups were especially neat to explore via Amateur Radio. The ARES group also this month found a critical issue during our regular Outdoor Warning Siren Check. We were able to report that an entire locality did not activate. Our report was greatly appreciated by the local EMA to investigate and correct the issue. Besides our regular nets we also had a slew of Weather Operations for Severe Weather in the county. Luckily there was no serious damage and or injuries. Speaking of weather I (Owen -KD8GSI) was able to teach a Skywarn Spotter Training class at the Red Cross in Lucas County (Toledo) for the GTARA Amateur Group and Red Cross Volunteers. Our ARES group is now gearing up and prepping for working the Sandusky County Fair during the month of August. We look forward to another great month ahead. 73, KD8GSI

Hancock County-EC Evan Hartman W8KJR: 5 routine nets held. 2 skywarn nets held. Procured equipment necessary to complete our 2 go-boxes for emergency response, and to add digital capabilities to our emergency comms trailer.

Erie County-EC Tim Bergeman KE8IBN

Wood County-EC Eric Willman WD8LEI

Lucas County-EC Tim Grey KD8IZU

Ottawa County-EC James Garber KB8TT

Wyandot County-EC Ron Wilch KE8PX : The Wyandot County Hams met at the County EMS / EMA facility for their monthly meeting. We discussed our Field Day results, upcoming Bicycle Tours and The Wyandot County Fair. "73"

Hardin County-Craig Newland KC8FEL: Assisted with our YMCA bike ride and ran a 2A at Field Day. July and August will be more bike rides to help with.

District 2

Defiance - The Repeater Group installed a cooling fan and duct work to keep the repeater cool during hot days.,

Auglaize - 4 Nets - 15.0 hrs and support the "Run to the Moon" 5 members @ 2 hrs total of 10 hrs.

District 3

DEC Fred Stone, W8LLY, w8lly@arrl.net

* 100% of Nine Counties reporting.

* Five District 3 weekly 2m voice nets.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY: AEC Tony Pugh, NO8F, KE8EJI@gmail.com

* No comments.

CLARK COUNTY: AEC Jim Ray, KA8OCG, ka8ocg@arrl.net

* 14 Members.

* Five Weekly Nets held this month with an average 10 check-ins. 18.4 man-hours for the month. There were Clark Amateur Radio Assn meeting for the month of July due to summer vacation.

- * One ARES Training/Meeting held this month with 10 ARES Members in attendance. Topics included ARES 2.0 and ARES Connect.
- * One Ecomm meeting held with 5 members in attendance totaling 10 man-hours.
- * No Weather Nets activated this month.

DARKE COUNTY: EC Jeff Yantis, KD8KIR, jyantis@robertsoncabinets.com

- * 5 nets
- * 1 meeting
- * 1 parade

GREENE COUNTY: EC Henry Ruminski, W8HJR, henry.ruminski@wright.edu

- * GCARES members continued with post tornado support activities during the month of July including a tornado response critique meeting at the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department.
- * Several members participated in the Beaver Creek Active Threat Training.
- * GCARES members continue to be active with weekly GCARES Net, Greene County DMR Net, BARC Net, UVARC Net, GCARES Digital Net, Winlink Net, OHDEN & Ohio Emergency Prep Net and D3 Nets.
- * Planning finalized for a combined GCARES/D-3 Emcomm Operations Center configured within the Bellbrook ARC Communication Center.
- * Winlink improvements were successfully tested.
- * GCARES members helped with communication for the Pan Ohio Hope Ride through Greene County and the annual Young's Dairy Charity Bike Ride.
- * The Greene County EC completed the required FEMA courses for Level 3 certification.

LOGAN COUNTY: RACES Liaison Gary Kauffman, N8GJK, n8gjk@earthlink.net

- * We had no emergency actions this month, but had our normal meeting and nets for a total of 15 man hours.

MIAMI COUNTY: EC David Stein, KC9NVP, davidb1stein@gmail.com

- * Club conducted a three transmitter bunny hunt that covered the city of Troy on July 27th. Two one hour training sessions were held July 13th and 20th to train operators in how to find hidden transmitters.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY: EC Rob Flory, KA5RUC, ka5ruc@mocoares.org

- * Had a total of 4 voice nets and 4 digital nets for the month.
- * On July 30th, MoCo ARES held its Planning Meeting. Updates were given along with preparations starting for the upcoming SET.

PREBLE COUNTY: EC Gary Hollenbaugh, NJ8BB, garyhollenbaugh@yahoo.com

- * Two Skywarn watches and activations.
- * Assisted Darke County ARES with annual Annie Oakley parade.
- * The K8YR repeater amplifier became defective. Not cost effective to repair. An effort will be made to replace with an upgraded modern repeater amplifier.

SHELBY COUNTY: EC Grant Reed, N8KZL, greed@woh.rr.com

- * Currently have 35 members on the books, Minus 1 since last reporting period in June. We had another member move away.
- * SCARES has a weekly Net every Sunday evening at 1900 on 146.835 – PL 156.7 for a total of 4 nets and 34 man hours for the month of July.
- * We have a digital C4FM net that continues immediately after the weekly net every other Sunday. 2 C4FM nets and 5.5 man hours for the month of July.
- * July 4th, SCARES supported the Sidney Fireworks. SCARES guards the 500' perimeter, and keeps track on APRS for Sidney Deputy Fire Chief in Hot Zone. 9 SCARES members and 36 man hours.
- * July 18, Shelby County had one severe thunderstorm warning Skywarn net for the month of July resulting in 5 man hours.

- * July 20 thru 27, Shelby County Fair. Relocate SCARES EM Comm trailer from inside building for fair events. Put EM Comm vehicle back after the fair. Also monitored the weather during fair week to give any heads up or weather information. 8 Man hours
- * July 28, SCARES VE team, Mike Bennett, W8EGL, Grant Reed, N8KZL, Nick Sabo, KC8CFI, and Joe Clark, KC6NLX, met for a scheduled test session at the Shelby Co. EMA building in Sidney. No testers registered. 10 man hours.
- * Nick Sabo, KC8CFI and I replaced a Henry amp on the SCARES 443.200 repeater on the sheriff tower on SR 47. 3 Man hours.
- * SCARES meeting at 1600 hours at the Shelby Co. EMA building. Training on ARES Connect, and general business. 7 members present, 17.5 man hours.
- * I spent 12 man hours learning ARES Connect, creating my report and creating events.
- * TOTAL SCARES MAN HOURS for JULY = 131
- * Our website is www.shelbycountyohares.com
- * FB <https://www.facebook.com/pg/SHELBYCOUNTYA.R.E.S/>

District 4

Butler County continues to be active on OHDEN, the Ohio DMR nets, and Winlink.

Hamilton County: Another busy month! Members in Hamilton Co volunteered for several public service events during the Independence Day week. Some events were fund raisers for local clubs and others were the usual extra 'eyes and ears'. We continued to have WX related close calls. However, most incidents (including TS Barry) went to the north or south of us. While the EC was on vacation, the AECs took care of a scheduled music festival event at the ROC. Special thanks to John KD8MMY for making sure CEMA was taken care of. We had our first 2019 SET planing meeting. It looks like we plan to flood out Anderson Twp and test out our setup at the EOC. We also joined forces with a local GMRS net. The EC is coordinating with the GMRS folks ways that we can get them involved with EmComm. We've just started but this could be something exciting down the road. AC use is getting better. We are still changing our old ways of reporting. I'll feel better once we get a good solid month under our belt . Until next month - 73!

District 5

Mahoning: In July we focused on updating our pool of County Control Station Operators. We held a VHF/HF exercise using multiple local repeaters and 10M to check operators capabilities and followed up with a combination on-air debrief and brainstorming session the following week.

Columbiana: Columbiana County ARES members are manning the EMA communications trailer and tent at the county fair. They are watching the weather for the fair and interface with fair security. They have assisted in 2 missing children searches so far. There are radio demonstrations and they are promoting amateur radio. The fair will continue through August 4th.

Stark:Stark County ARES completed 5 public service nets that totalled 115 check-ins. We completed one public service event during July, The Hall of Fame Community Parade in which we provided both logistical support communications for parade staging as well as medical support covering the EMS units assigned to the parade route and TV production assistance. We utilized 5 volunteers to provide 15 volunteer hours.

District 6

No report submitted

District 7

Licking County: July turned out to be a busy month for us with various planning meetings for upcoming exercises and events including Buckeye Lake Fireworks and Vigilant Guard 2019. Buckeye Lake Fireworks: This event proved to be successful with the testing of newly built go-boxes for the LCEMA. We have 2 go-boxes that were built from the radios that were located at the previous EOC as work at the new EOC continues.

Sean Grady, EMA Director was pleased that the test and comms were successful, one of the boxes was set up on the north shore of Buckeye Lake and the other was set up at the EOC in Heath and were able to communicate via simplex. The Buckeye Lake radio was able to reach to the northern part of the county via simplex as well. Thanks to all who helped out at Buckeye Lake Fireworks. Vigilant Guard 2019: This exercise is gearing up to be an event filled couple of days as planning meetings and set-up continues, we are looking forward to be able the exercise

Knox County: This was a slow month with not a lot happening. We did have a regular Sunday night net, monthly meeting and Friday breakfast.

Marion County: We had the fair this month, lots of hours with that. Also had the pleasure of Iron man 2019 bike race through Marion county. Thanks Delaware ARES for allowing us to assist.

Franklin County: I'm including 2019 Field Day photos from the Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security office. Four Amateur Radio organizations were involved this year in addition to the Ohio Military Reserve. In July we were privileged to learn about the poison Control Center located at Nationwide Children's Hospital from one of our ARES members, Dr. Marcel Casavant Chief of Toxicology at Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Medical Director of the Central Ohio Poison Center.

Delaware County: Delaware ARES had our biggest event of the year, the 2019 Ironman 70.3. This is one of their top ten events, with over 2600 registered, 2100 appeared to compete. Delaware and Marion combine to handle the event- with Marion picking up the 56 mile bicycle ride which goes up through Marion and Morrow counties then back into Delaware. Our event rapidly turned very serious, when a bicycle rider swerved out from the bicycle lane into the path of a moving tanker semi. She was fatally injured in the crash. Chris, KD8UUB was within eyesight of the mishap, and immediately called in the situation. ARES members were then tasked with locating the victim's husband, also a competitor so officials could pull him from the ride. Our communications continued to be very professional throughout, even with the additional pressure of the incident. The rest of the event went off without incident, but there were some takeaways. First, we retained the procedure of NOT mentioning a fatality over the radio. Second, we see a need to have a "Team B" standing by for both event management and our NCS station. That allows the A-team to shift their focus completely to the incident, and B-team can easily step in to continue to operate the overall event. Everyone did a great job

Madison County: The weekly ARES and digital training net was put on hiatus until fall due to lack of check-ins. The EC participated as a ham radio volunteer for the annual Young's Ice Cream Charity Bike Tour.

Union County: July started off as a busy month. We helped out with the MS Bike Central Ohio Challenge on July 6th. That goes between Dublin and Bellefontaine, the longest loop being 100 miles long. I want to say a big THANK YOU for everyone that helped out with it this year. Jim, KD8KCH from Marion came to our meeting and was able to help answer questions relating to FLDigi. Our simplex diginet has spanned 3 counties at a time. One station in Franklin county, one station in Madison County, and a few stations in Union County participated in it on several occasions. Another time we had a station in Marion County, stations in Union County and Madison County participate. Our ARES group member participation has been low for meetings and participation on the two weekly nets we do on Monday nights. I suspect the weather and summer activities have contributed a lot to that. The details are still being worked out to get the feed line ran and antennas mounted on the new tower. Part of that is coordinating the removal of some equipment that is currently in use at the repeater site and try to plan for minimal down time for the 2 meter repeater as well as procuring everything that is needed for the job before its started. I have been reading a book that I purchased from Amazon called Amateur Radio Digital and Voice Emergency Communications - 2nd Edition: Build your community group's assets & expertise by Gordon Gibby (Author), Barry Isabelle (Author) https://www.amazon.com/Amateur-Radio-Digital-Emergency-Communications-ebook/dp/B072N5H8TC/ref=sr_1_1 It has been a good read so far and has a lot of useful information in it. It has been giving me some ideas of things to work towards with our ARES group. It has several examples of real world experiences. It also gives the reader a better idea of how amateur radio fits in

with emergency communications and the need or reasons amateur radio operators need to learn several ways to communicate information to better serve their communities during a big disaster. It also has information of several software packages for doing digital modes and also has information about winlink and examples to make inexpensive portable stations for both digital and voice communications.

Pickaway County: Besides having one in-person meeting and three on-air nets, nothing to report.

Fayette County: Comments : none

District 8

No Activity this month ACARA/SCARF will hold ARRL VE session Monday, August 19, 7 PM, Athens Red Cross, 100 S May AVE, Athens, OH

District 9

BELMONT CO: No Report

COSHOCTON CO: Attended July LEPC mtg and gave report on ARES June involvement in West Lafayette flash flood emergency.... 4 SKYWARN nets EMA/EOC now has 2 newer computers specifically for ARES use, including internet access . DMR, Echolink , fldigi etc. on computers..... Monthly ARES mtg showed new EMA computer setup and discussed ARES Connect..... 145.23 pl 71.9 ARES repeater back on air. TU AB8SV, KB8HEA. Echolink available via AB8RR. TU Eric..... Radiogram from Coshocton EMA Director to Guernsey EMA used for training among our ARES. Return msg rec. and delivered. EC Steven Wheatcraft AA8BN

GUERNSEY CO: The EC and AEC attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Traffic exercise conducted with Coshocton County. Monthly training was a review of the American TTT race. What went wrong, what went right and how to improve next year. Radiogram procedures were reviewed. EC Richard Wayt, WD8SDH

JEFFERSON CO: Jefferson County ARES/TERA continues to build relationships with served agencies; meeting with the LEPC and local Early Response Teams. The weekly digital net on VHF has now grown to include HF sessions. Although HF participation has been limited we are learning a lot in the area of local propagation and coverage on HF. We are also working to improve capabilities from the Communication Trailer that is owned by a local faith based disaster response team. EC Robert Carson, N8CUX

NOBLE CO: The Noble County ARC's bi-weekly Ragchew and Training Net 2330Z 25 July 2019 on 147.285 (91.5) Participants: WA8RAZ, WD8SDH, N2LC net control. Not a bad showing considering there were meetings and the annual Caldwell Firemen's Festival competing for everyone's time. Summary: Discussion surrounded primarily around Towers and antennas that one or another of us is in the middle of putting up, and Operation Vigilant guard. Dick Wayt, Guernsey County EC, checked in and briefed us on the upcoming event, provided links, and reached out for communications assistance and/or support if and when needed. The county has at least 4 amateurs interested in participating. EC Gary Oliver, KD8OSI

TUSCARAWAS CO: 5 voice nets with 72 operators participating for 144 hours; one monthly meeting with 10 operators in attendance; communication with Coshocton EC regarding joint participation in several upcoming events; communication with Tuscarawas Co. EMA Director regarding the radio room at EMA EOC. EC Tracy Goddard, K8TAE

WASHINGTON CO: Nothing to report. EC Joseph Wigal, W8JTW.

District 10

Summer means public service event season around here. The MLB all star game in Cleveland saw ARES involvement with their Color Run event. Then there was the antenna raising party in Sandusky (yeah - we get around!). The General Class upgrade course in Lorain County came to an end, with the result being five shiny new General Class Licenses! NOARSFest in Elyria was a good time. And welcome to Andy Gross, K8ALG as the new EC for Lorain County! August will be even busier. If you're sitting around bored, that's on you. There is plenty to do, and lots of fun to be had! So get up off the couch and get involved!

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