

## ARES Connect Monthly Report – June 2019

### Number of persons registered per District

	Registered		Registered
District 01 - WD8PNZ	147	District 02 - W8UY	26
District 03 - W8LLY	167	District 04 - N8TFD	124
District 05 - KC8SYF	106	District 06 - W8DLB	60
District 07 - KB8YMN	221	District 08 - N8SUZ	46
District 09 - W8FHF	61	District 10 - N8AUC	174
<p>Total Registered Users June: 1,132 <span style="float: right;">Last Month 1,072 (5% increase from May)</span></p>			

### Number of hours volunteered per District in June

	Hours Volunteered		Hours Volunteered
District 01 - WD8PNZ	1286.15	District 02 - W8UY	3.23
District 03 - W8LLY	476.99	District 04 - N8TFD	354.25
District 05 - KC8SYF	322.00	District 06 - W8DLB	940.80
District 07 - KB8YMN	1324.36	District 08 - N8SUZ	277.00
District 09 - W8FHF	763.45	District 10 - N8AUC	1105.76
<p>Total Registered User Hours: 6,853.99                  Total Anonymous Hours: 7,917.82                   Total Hours: 14,771.81</p>			

### Breakdown by Event Classification

	# of Events	# of Persons	Hours Credited
Communications Emergency	5	37	116.25
Community Event	80	169	2954.50
Exercise	6	20	475.00
Meeting	38	136	893.00
Net	233	947	1888.98
Skywarn	30	211	488.75
Training	54	128	1199.26
Miscellaneous	23	5	312.00
Unclassified – All events not listed above	183	830	6444.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>2483</b>	<b>14,771.81</b>

### Breakdown of training levels

Level 1	549
Level 2	438
Level 3	145
Total: 1,132	

### Top 10 persons for hours volunteered in June

Name	Events	Hours
TODD JOHNSON (KD8UND)	9	174.00
Bret Stemen (KD8SCL)	49	157.00
James Yoder (w8erw)	19	145.25
Christopher Domenick (KC8CAD)	20	119.50
Timothy Gray (KD8IZU)	10	118.25
Alan Rothweiler (N8CJ)	33	112.00
Elizabeth Klinc (KE8FMJ)	35	104.50
Larry Caskey (K8LPC)	24	103.50
Edward Kopcak (KB8BKE)	18	103.50
Dan Stahl (KC8PBU)	54	101.15

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Name	Events	Hours
Dan Stahl (KC8PBU)	54	101.15
Bret Stemen (KD8SCL)	49	157.00
Michael Farkas (n8gbu)	38	44.00
John Westerkamp (W8LRJ)	38	55.16
Elizabeth Klinc (KE8FMJ)	35	104.50
Henry Ruminski (W8HJR)	35	66.08
Daniel Lohr (W8VNL)	33	24.50
Alan Rothweiler (N8CJ)	33	112.00
Douglas Hunter (KE8JNH)	30	27.50
Colleen Roth (N8TNV)	28	18.50

Note: As an incentive to get folks using the system more, the Ohio Section Manager gave away a 2019 softcover Handbook to the person acquiring the most hours in the month of June. The winner was Todd Johnson, KD8UND. This is the second of such incentives that has been done since March of this year.

#### Written Reports:

Ohio ARES Monthly Activity Report  
June, 2019

District 1  
Seneca County-EC James Hershberger KE8ERN

Huron County-EC Craig Franklin KD8KWU

Sandusky County-EC Owen Fritz KD8GSI

. This month was another very active month for ARES in our county. We have had our fair share of Severe Weather Nets towards the beginning of the month and we also had a great time in participating with the GOBA event that traveled through our county and manning the net during peak operations. Our members continue to do the monthly hospital checks in our county as well as report on each outdoor warning siren with our monthly test. The members also look forward to helping out next month with the Toledo Air Show. We have several of our members that are signed up. Also, Owen (Myself) will be doing a Skywarn Training for the Toledo

Amateur Radio club. I have done Skywarn Presentations for Sandusky, Huron, Seneca and now in Lucas county this year. I enjoy helping out the National Weather Service and I think that many enjoy me as a teacher. We are continuing to push ARES Connect, but I wish there was a way to make a note in the events when we have to use the "Other " secti on for people not signed up in ARES Connect. The bottom line some people in ARES are not going to sign up, and I am not sure if we can even just sign them up. This would be a great topic for discussion in the upcoming state newsletter. I hope everyone stays cool in the oppressive heat. 73, Owen KD8GSI

Hancock County-EC Evan Hartman W8KJR

Erie County-EC Tim Bergeman KE8IBN

Wood County-EC Eric Willman WD8LEI

Lucas County-EC Tim Grey KD8IZU

I hope this works

Ottawa County-EC James Garber KB8TT

Wyandot County-EC Ron Wilch KE8PX

The Wyandot County Ham Operators Organization enjoyed an active Field Day we operated 2A with a GOTA station. We enjoyed a pot luck, cook out dinner and operated the full 24 hours. "73"

Hardin County-Craig Newland KC8FEL

District 2

Van Wert Co. reports weekly nets each Sat. in June and helped with communications for Van Wert Peony Parade. and participated in Field Day.

Defiance Co. reports first choice for field day was too wet so had to revert to secondary Field Day spot.and some contacts were made Had an increase in Sky warn Activity this month as severe thunderstorms with some tornadic cells threatened the area.

Auglaize Co. reports 19 hours, 5 nets

District 3

DEC Fred Stone, W8LLY, [w8lly@arrl.net](mailto:w8lly@arrl.net)

100% of Nine Counties reporting.

Four District 3 weekly 2m voice nets.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY: AEC Tony Pugh, NO8F, [KE8EJI@gmail.com](mailto:KE8EJI@gmail.com)

No comments.

CLARK COUNTY: AEC Jim Ray, KA8OCG, [ka8ocg@arrl.net](mailto:ka8ocg@arrl.net)

Three Clark County ARES Weekly Nets held in June with 10 check-ins & 3.3 man-hours.

15 CLARA members and one visitor attended the 60 minute monthly CLARA meeting (15 man-hours).

No ARES Training/Meetings held this month. Two Ecomm meeting held with 4 members in attendance totaling 16 man-hours.

Wx Nets: 27 June 1330 – 1415L, 5 check-ins; 5 June 1400 – 1835L, 5 check-ins.

DARKE COUNTY: EC Jeff Yantis, KD8KIR, [jyantis@robertsoncabinets.com](mailto:jyantis@robertsoncabinets.com)

We had our normal nets and monthly meetings / we also removed all the antenna towers from our previous clubhouse location.

GREENE COUNTY: EC Henry Ruminski, W8HJR, [henry.ruminski@wright.edu](mailto:henry.ruminski@wright.edu)

GCARES members continued a number of post tornado support activities during the month of June. Seven members of the Beavercreek Fire Department Auxiliary AuxComm and CERT teams participated in a variety of activities including support of the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center located in Shaw Elementary School in Beavercreek. While amateur radio communication support was not needed, personnel helped with water distribution, damage assessment and victim assistance.

BARC has established monthly skills and technical program nights.

Other activities included continuing Mesh and Winlink testing and development, DMR programming and training, served agency training and meetings.

GCARES members participated in BARC communication support for the Little Miami River Kleeners Clean-Sweep and participated in Field Day at three Greene County clubs' sites: BARC, UVARC and XWARN/DARA.

LOGAN COUNTY: RACES Liaison Gary Kauffman, N8GJK, [n8gjk@earthlink.net](mailto:n8gjk@earthlink.net)

Our June activity was Field Day with a total of 36 hours by EMA members.

MIAMI COUNTY: EC David Stein, KC9NVP, [davidb1stein@gmail.com](mailto:davidb1stein@gmail.com)

The Miami County ARES/RACES members support the county EMA with damage and needs assessment on June 1st and 8th following the May 27<sup>th</sup> tornado.

The club provided support for the West Milton Triathlon on Saturday, June 15th.

The club also had a good turnout for Field Day and had fun trying out different antennas with contacts on 75/80, 40 and 20 meters using both voice and CW.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY: EC Rob Flory, KA5RUC, [ka5ruc@mocoares.org](mailto:ka5ruc@mocoares.org)

Had a total of 3 voice nets and 3 digital nets for the month. Dayton Skywarn did activate on June 5th for a Severe Thunderstorm Watch. Many hams continue to volunteer in disaster recovery efforts from the Memorial Day Tornado Outbreak.

MoCo ARES held its Community Meeting on June 25th. The program was on forms and paperwork.

PREBLE COUNTY: EC Gary Hollenbaugh, NJ8BB, [garyhollenbaugh@yahoo.com](mailto:garyhollenbaugh@yahoo.com)

June was another busy month for Preble County ARES. We finally upgraded the EMA antennas and participated in Field Day.

EMA Ham Station Antennas Upgraded Antennas for the EMA tower were finally received. We called a working crew to unpack, assemble and test each antenna. These were a UHF repeater antenna, a triband (6m, 2m, 70cm) and a CB antenna. SWR sweeps were taken and recorded. We were able to show the newer operators how antennas were constructed, assembled and tested. (6 people, 20 man hours)

The EMA antenna project was finally completed over a period of two days. Members assisted a professional tower crew in the installation and testing of the antenna and lines. Valuable hands on training was had. Such as how to install coax to a tower, install connectors, testing and installing in a building in the overhead; the station's capability was greatly increased. The UHF repeater was put on the air. It is low profile for now and is intended for secondary and tactical ARES use. New plans are to install a digital repeater, a Yaesu Fusion dual band analog/digital. A yardarm at 100' with rope was installed to elevate wire antennas. (6 people, 80 man hours)

Field day 2019

We had a wonderful Field Day this year. We operated 2F EOC category at the Preble Co. EMA. We had a GOTA station operating that was a big hit with non licensed operators and the teenagers of the group.

We had a SSB and CW station. Over 600 contacts were made. CW outpaced the phone station. We deployed our 70' crank up mobile tower with a G5RV for low bands and tri band yagi for 20-10. Also installed a G5RV on the new yardarm and elevated to 60'. Coverage around the Midwest was very much improved at this height.

Of course we had a wonderful carry in dinner. Good fellowship, plans were made for taking test. We had visitors that sat and operated. Some newly licensed operators that never used HF before. This was their opportunity.

Overall we felt it was one of our best field day from a fellowship basis. As one member put it..."They left smiling!"

Set up, operation, tear down: 20 people, 430 man hours

Public Service: 5k run/walk sponsored by Walmart: 15 man hours

Skywarn activations and nets: 43.5 man hours

Total of 488.5 man hours for June activities.

SHELBY COUNTY: EC Grant Reed, N8KZL, [greed@woh.rr.com](mailto:greed@woh.rr.com)

Currently have 36 members on the books, Minus 1 since last reporting period in May

SCARES has a weekly Net every Sunday evening at 1900 on 146.835 – PL 156.7 for a total of 5 nets and 42 man hours for the month of June.

We have a digital C4FM net that continues immediately after the weekly net every other Sunday. 2 C4FM nets and 5 man hours for the month of June.

Even with all of the severe weather and tornado warnings around us, Shelby County had no formal severe weather Skywarn nets, but did have two informal Skywarn nets for the month of June resulting in 12 man hours June 3, Eric K8EEP, Mike N8XM and I determined we have a bad Alpha Delta Sloper antenna on the big tower of the EMA building. We used the analyzer and checked all bands, they all showed a bad SWR. Had John KA8RVI order a new antenna. Total of 7 man hours.

June 12, met with Eric and Mike and replaced the Alpha Delta Sloper antenna at the EMA building. Mike checked all bands, SWR good, ready for Field Day 2019. Total of 9 man hours.

The only event SCARES participated in for the month of June was Field Day, June 22-23. Due to people working and on vacation or out of town, we only had 6 participants for a total of 144 man hours. The one new digital mode that was utilized during field day 2019 was FT-8. Total CW contacts: 210, Total Phone contacts: 77, Total Digital contacts: 51.

SCARES usually has a monthly meeting and training or testing on the fourth Sunday of each month, but due to Field Day being on the same weekend, we cancel that for the month of June.

Our website is [www.shelbycountyohares.com](http://www.shelbycountyohares.com)

#### District 4

Clinton County hours were to support the National Weather Service office in Wilmington.

Hamilton County: Second try! Not all members are using AC correctly at for this month. Primary goal for July is to have everyone up and running by the end of the month. Change can be tough! Routine activities: Monthly membership meeting we discuss AC and reviewed the reporting process and recent updates; HCECN the 1st Mon of the month. The net was well attended as usual; Ohio Winlink Wed net continues to grow every week. Its becoming a National Net with even some International stations; Several members participated in FD 2019. All made contacts and had a good time. We may try to include the ROC in next year's activities, we'll see!; Father's Day was spent at the ROC supporting Cincy EMA during flooding threat. The EC opened and maintained the station as other members were placed on stand-by status; During the same period, HamCo made all local assets to available any of her agency in need. Both local and state-wide. Luckily we were not needed, but we were ready! During FD 2019 we had several members open the ROC to support Cincy EMA for a local Pride parade and festival. AEC John, KD8MMY, gave up his FD time in order to support this event. Above and beyond! May31, Jun01 & Jun02 Cincy hosted the Bunbury concert in the Downtown area. Although the ROC

was not open for the entire three days, once again, HamCo ARES stepped up and maintained readiness during the event.

District 5

Carroll: No report received

Columbiana: No comments

Mahoning: Mahoning County ARES notes for June 2019. June was a busy month for MC ARES. During the month we assisted with communication for a multi-county Special Olympics meet, the Dave's Race Triathlon at West Branch State Park, and of course Field Day at multiple clubs in the county. We also held two monthly nets.

Portage: No report

Stark: Stark County ARES completed 4 public service nets for the month of June that totalled 103 check-ins. There were no public service events during the month but many of our members participated in the annual Field Day exercise. We are preparing for the Annual Hall of Fame Festival in July which will use about 40 volunteers providing safety and support communications. We continue to encourage our members to use the new ARES Connect System.

Summit: We had our monthly meeting where we discussed final preparations for the Stow July 4th parade and started planning for the Akron Marathon

Trumbull: No comments

District 6

Richland - Richland county field was a great time played with the NE digital mode ft-8 had a great time honored a great cw operator for field day presented a plaque for henry "mr. Cw" koenif wd8q.

Ashland - This month Ashland County had 1 operator run the station at the Ashland County EMA for field day. I'm not sure how many hours he was there. This month also was the Ashland Balloonfest and balloon glow.

Crawford – No Report

Morrow – No comments

Holmes / Wayne - During the month of June one VE session was held in Rittman that resulted in six individuals being tested for a new license or upgrade.

The “Mohican 100 mile run” is an annual event that calls for 24 hours of radio coverage during this ultra-marathon with nine radio operators stepping up to provide assistance on the trail.

Members from the Silver Creek (SARA) and Wayne County (WARC) clubs are working together towards a digital conversion of the “440” Wooster repeater to a multi-mode system what will allow DMR, D-Star and System Fusion to be used at that site. Once completed this will make the second digital repeater within Wayne County. This conversion is expected to be completed by the end of July.

It goes without saying that Field Day is the main focus during the month of June. Both of the clubs above enjoyed great weather and a good number of visitors at both locations. The local paper did a story pertaining to the event and the Sheriff's office included video coverage via their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/waynecountysheriff/videos/445757602654977/>

<https://www.the-daily-record.com/news/20190623/amateur-radio-drill-helps-prepare-for-worst-case-scenario>

One of the greatest struggles is getting people to sign up for ARES Connect. The majority of the hours reported are a result of the daily and weekly nets that take place. While these hours are significant, most hours come via “anonymous” due to the participants not registering with ARES Connect.

We have had some success with signup and will be making a big push during July.

#### District 7

Fayette County: Attended annual Fayette County EMA/LEPC Executive Meeting June 6th. Was appointed Amateur Radio representative to county LEPC.

Madison County: Attended LEPC semi-annual meeting. Held ARES 2m net 4 times. Checked into Ohio HF net twice.

Knox County: We have a net meeting every Sunday evening, breakfast every Friday morning. We had a great Field Day lots of people showed and we got 2 new club members.

Licking County, See attached Photos.

Delaware County: Much of our attention was set to Field Day. We operated from our club station at the Delaware Red Cross. Because of severe flooding in the area, a couple events were cancelled. During the week following, a ham radio station was set up at Camp Lazarus, and several hundred scouts were present to participate. Operators staged the radios throughout the week.

Franklin County: COH ARES participated in the Rickenbacker Airport Drill this year. The airport requested that we provide video to their EOC at John Glenn Port Columbus International Airport. This drill provided experience at the incident location and inside the EOC as status reports were delivered on a regular basis. We also participated in public service events and Field Day.

#### District 8

DEC operated Field Day with Athens County ARA. Working on appointment of a new EC for Meigs County who has already been interfacing with Meigs EMA and surrounding counties as well as NCS for OHDEN. Also working on support MOU on behalf of district with Vinton County EMA in the absence of an active club there. DEC is enrolled in several FEMA cybersecurity courses over the next few months.

#### District 9

BELMONT CO: No Report.

COSHOCTON CO: EMA asked ARES to assist with monthly siren test. We also were on siren sites to monitor.... ARES monthly Mtg :KB8PXM and KC8PUW gave a good talk about their help with the Guernsey Co triathlon.... ARES was called upon for the flash flooding event in West Lafayette and to man phones at EMA June 19-20, as director and assistant director were in the field..... Field Day was well attended. 16 ARES. Stations for Phone, CW, Digital, vhf,uhf fldigi station and DMR were set up. Digital ran off KL7RF solar power. .... Skywarn net was run..... And last but not least, AB8SV attained level 3 . Congratulations!.... Steve Wheatcraft, AA8BN EC.

GUERNSEY CO: Supported the Triple T race at Salt Fork state park. Two ARES members deployed to Coshocton County to help with flood damage assessment. Richard W Wayt, WD8SDH EC.

JEFFERSON CO: Jefferson County ARES continues to reach out to develop greater connection with various agencies in the county. Most recently EC was asked to participate in a planning session with Trinity Health, local hospital, our weekly fldigi net and monthly in person meeting/training remain active. total man hours for JUNE are 20.5. Robert Carson, N8CUX EC.

NOBLE CO: No Report.

TUSCARAWAS: 4 voice nets with 56 operators participating; one monthly meeting with 10 present; 2019 Field Day with 8 operators participating for 64 hours; weather information exchange between County EMA

director and county EC. Tuscarawas County EC upgraded from technician license to general license on June 27, 2019...using "Temporary AG" until FCC approval. Tracy Goddard, K8TAE EC.

WASHINGTON CO: Several hams in the county participated in field day. Joseph Wigal, W8JTW EC.

District 10

Public service event season is in full swing. But the crown jewel was Field Day! The worst part about Field Day, is that we have to wait another year to do it again!

Lorain – No report

Medina - We in Medina County now have to clearly show the difference between ARES and the EMA Comm Unit. as the comm unit is now fully independent but with ares members in it. Both need to be supported. equally and their cooperation defined.

Cuyahoga - The training topic was Using Solar Power, presented by N8AUC. We had three emergency events this month. On June 5th we had a severe storm warning, so we had a net on 2 meters as well as a backbone net on 6 meters. On June 16 we had a tornado warning net.

Lake - WOW!! June was a very busy month for Lake County ARES. It started with the first Wednesday monthly meeting and then everything really got rolling.

First was the Sunday in June Bike Ride out of Burton Ohio. We track the process of 803 bikers over 4 rural county road routes of 25, 34, 40, and 100, mile rides. No major problems were encountered. The event 434 riders chose the 40 mile route for their first ride. Amateur Radio hours donated 95 man hours.

Next up was the Lake Health Half Marathon on Sunday on Sunday, June 16th. Two hundred and thirty plus runners assembled a Lake County Farm Park to run the course. The route went West along Rt. 6 to Chapin Forest trails and roads East to Rt. 306 and then East to Penitentiary Glen Park, East out of the Park on County roads and back to the Farm Park. Weather was cool and damp with heavy fog mid-morning at Penitentiary Glen Park where the ARES Comm. Trailer was located. All runners returned to the finish line safely. ARES donated 41.5 man hours to the event.

It is not June until Field Day happens and the Lake County event was at LCHS grounds. 6 ALPHA was the operation for the Lake County team this year. The Group logged 595 hours during this 3 day event. The Bands were not as good as in the past years but all the fun was still there and enjoyed by all who came to operate and set-up.

Now on to July and the Fairport Harbor Mardi-Gars Parade.

Geauga - A few nets and a meeting.

Ashtabula – No Report

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