

ARES Connect Monthly Report – October 2019

Note: On October 24th all Volunteers in the Ohio Section were activated with the ability to go back in time and pickup events that were forgotten or not reported and add their own time to them. This was a feature that only County or Section Administrators could do prior to this date.

Our expectation for this new ability is that the Anonymous Hours will gradually be reduced over time, as our volunteers start adding themselves to events in the past that otherwise would have gone unreported or reported as Anonymous Hours, thus giving us a much more robust accounting of the individuals reporting hours.

Number of persons registered per District in this reporting month

	Registered		Registered
District 01 - WD8PNZ	156	District 02 - W8UY	43
District 03 - W8LLY	195	District 04 - N8TFD	130
District 05 - KC8SYF	118	District 06 - W8DLB	69
District 07 - KB8YMN	262	District 08 - N8SUZ	64
District 09 - W8FHF	63	District 10 - N8AUC	179
Total Registered Users: 1,279 Last Month 1,253 (2.1% increase from previous month)			

Number of hours volunteered per District in this reporting month

	Hours Volunteered		Hours Volunteered
District 01 - WD8PNZ	926.63	District 02 - W8UY	26.00
District 03 - W8LLY	765.68	District 04 - N8TFD	530.50
District 05 - KC8SYF	295.98	District 06 - W8DLB	613.20
District 07 - KB8YMN	1,476.75	District 08 - N8SUZ	47.50
District 09 - W8FHF	273.80	District 10 - N8AUC	903.76
Total Registered User Hours: 5,859.80 Total Anonymous Hours: 3,374.23 Total Hours: 9,234.03			

Breakdown by Event Classification for this reporting month

	# of Events	# of Persons	Hours Credited
Communications Emergency	1	1	2.50
Community Event	47	69	447.25
Exercise	16	98	678.00
Meeting	40	243	754.75
Net	321	1283	1,481.98
Skywarn	10	78	63.75
Training	63	193	978.00
Miscellaneous	16	37	395.50
Unclassified – All events not listed above	355	1258	4,432.30
Total	869	3260	9,234.03

Breakdown of training levels for this reporting month

Level 1	658
Level 2	463
Level 3	158
Total: 1279	

Top 10 persons for hours volunteered in this reporting month

Name	Events	Hours
Daniel Schlick (KB8LKH)	16	128.50
Greg Dersarkisian (KD8SSJ)	18	110.00
Elizabeth Klinc (KE8FMJ)	47	87.78
Christopher Domenick (KC8CAD)	25	80.25
David Noeth (KD8ACO)	5	79.50
Robert Baker (N8ado)	33	78.23
Bryan Hoffman (kc8egv)	13	75.50
Robert Northrup (Kc8psw)	16	75.50
Dan Stahl (KC8PBU)	66	74.50
James Yoder (w8erw)	17	73.78

Top 10 persons for events volunteered in this reporting month

Name	Events	Hours
Dan Stahl (KC8PBU)	66	74.50
Elizabeth Klinc (KE8FMJ)	47	87.78
John Westerkamp (W8LRJ)	38	62.20
Robert Baker (N8ado)	33	78.23
Michael Farkas (n8gbu)	33	40.25
Juan Duarte (kd8uot)	29	43.00
Harry Melke (KM8N)	29	36.73
Henry Ruminski (W8HJR)	29	62.58
Steven Denniss (KC8IDM)	28	19.50
James Neal (WD8JLP)	28	40.00

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DEC / EC Reports

District 1 DEC – Brent, WD8PNZ

Reporting County or District: District 1

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : The District has been involved with the Hospital Council Of Northwest Ohio in getting amateur radio equipment installed in healthcare facilities in the HCNO's district. Headed up by AEC Dan Stahl KC8PBU he has traveled to other Counties to help these facilities, with the help of the local ARES EC, to troubleshoot their equipment installation problems. Dan also completed a monthly test of these same facilities called the NORC-2 monthly test done on the first Wednesday of the month. The District has also been attending meetings of the newly established ARDEN group that was formed in Northwest Ohio and working closely with that group. The District has also been working closely with the Wood County EC in establishing a MESH in Wood County. We also work closely with the Wood County EMA Director in establishing a MESH network. The District has also attended meetings of the local ARES group. The District would also like to put out a call to other ARES groups in District 1 to establish a digital group in their county. District 1 is well positioned to assist them in that effort with AEC Rob Hall K8VP taking the helm in that area to help.

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached:

DEC/SEC: SEC - Stan, N8BHL

Your Name: Brent Stover

Call Sign: WD8PNZ

Reporting County or District: Lucas

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : From Lucas County 73

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DEC/SEC: District 1 Brent, WD8PNZ

Your Name: Tim Gray

Call Sign: KD8IZU

Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

October 2019

The month of October started off with Mark K8MWS gave a presentation about the Mesh Network to the Northwest Ohio Black Swamp Radio Society Meeting on October 1st. Mark gave a power point presentation as well taking his mesh go kit and the ARES Master Node to show off at their meeting. Tim KD8IZU went along to assist him.

The National Weather Service coming over from Cleveland on October 3rd to do our annual Skywarn Training at St. Luke's Hospital. Christine O'Riley from the National Weather Service did a great job putting on a workshop about severe winter weather.

October 12th, Lucas County ARES held their Simulated Emergency Test and Hospital Radio Drill. We ran the test as a lost of power – black out situation, we activated all the amateur radios in the hospitals in the county. We operated on emergency power with all hospitals being heard at the Emergency Operations Center. Our emergency communications trailer was activated and ran on its emergency generator from the annex. We sent ICS 213 and 205 forms between each of the hospitals and other counties. We sent the messages through FIDIGI and Mesh Network.

At the request of the District Emergency Coordinator Brent Stover, on October 13th. Tim, KD8IZU and Richard KE8IJV went down to Grand Rapids, Ohio to assist with Apple Butter Festival. They assisted in dispatching the Sheriff Deputies working the festival along with Dwight KB8KVP from Wood County ARES.

We like to thank Dan W9VNL, Jodie K8FKH, and Vern W8VHS for running our weekly ARES in Brief Net. This is a net that is ran on Sunday night at 7:30 to 8:00 to make announcements and discuss what is going on in Lucas County ARES.

We would like to thank Lowell (Skeet) KD8KXD for taking care of the monthly County Siren Test. The County sets off the emergency sirens once a month to make sure that they are in proper working order. The Amateur Radio Operators in Lucas County assist with this test every month by reporting on which sirens they hear going off at the schedule time of the test and Lowell has been our net control operator for quite a few of these tests.

On the 26th of October, we started the morning off with the LCARES Inc. Board meeting to discuss how to finance Lucas County ARES for the next year. After that meeting end, we held the Lucas County ARES General Meeting, where we issued new id cards and discuss our monthly business. Shortly after that meeting finished, we held the Northwest Ohio Mesh Meeting where we discuss what we need to do to take the mesh network to the next step.

Things that we are looking forward to doing is demonstrating our Mesh Equipment off at the Northwest Ohio Black Swamp Radio Society Swap Meet on November 2 .

Reporting County or District: Seneca

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2022

Comments : Submitted is a summary of Seneca County ARES activity for the month of October.

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DEC/SEC: District 1 Brent, WD8PNZ

Your Name: James E. Hershberger

Call Sign: KE8ERN

The Seneca County ARES group was active in the 2019 SET. Ten checked in to our activation net. Two of them were at the EOC so they operated the net on our KB8EOC repeater. From there seven mobile units were deployed throughout the county to cover 43 locations. This was carried out using 146.430 mhz. simplex. All station reports were reliable and readable.

Additionally, our group also had four Sunday ARES Nets on the 145.150mhz. KB8EOC repeater. Also had conducted five NCOIT Nets on the 145.255mhz. Republic repeater. The SET After Action Report was completed at our monthly ARES meeting. We are working on establishing a FLDIGI Net to pass ICS 213 messages.

Reporting County or District: Sandusky

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : This month was a very good month for learning in Sandusky County. ARES members had the opportunity to participate in Damage Assessment training that was put on by the Sandusky County EMA. Members learned about federal and state declarations and how the process works when a disaster occurs. Members also learned the proper techniques and safety procedures when conducting damage assessment. Also, a few members were asked to be apart of the “drone team” that requires additional FAA training. Also, this month members were given a presentation about DMR and how it works by the Sandusky County ARES EC.

Our county hosts a Digital repeater with 1 timeslot available (timeslot 2) for use on the Brandmeister network. Timeslot 1 is for local use. Over this next month we will be planning out our roles in the Fremont Holiday Parade as well as we will be looking at further training to be offered to the members. The members also donated last meeting enough money to ensure that we get our general liability policy that will start on December 1. We look forward to an enjoyable month. 73, KD8GSI

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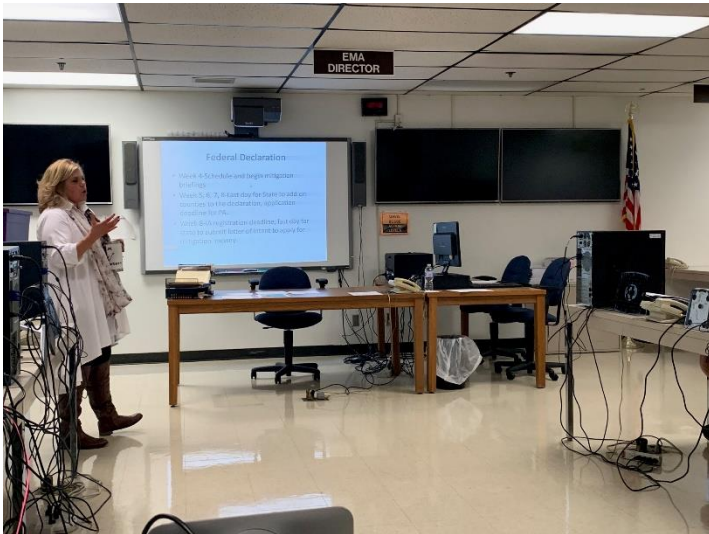
Damage Assessment Training 2019 Image 1.jpg

DEC/SEC: District 1 Brent, WD8PNZ

Your Name: Owen Fritz

Call Sign: KD8GSI

Damage Assessment Training Class



Reporting County or District: OH

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : 4 Voice net Sessions

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DEC/SEC: District 1 Brent, WD8PNZ

Your Name: Craig Thomas Franklin

Call Sign: KD8KWU

Reporting County or District: Hardin

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Please see attachment

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached: Hardin County ARES October report.docx

DEC/SEC: District 1 Brent, WD8PNZ

Your Name: Craig Newland

Call Sign: KC8FEL

Hardin County ARES October report

The Hardin County ARES was involved in a full-scale exercise with our LEPC this month.

ARES was utilized to relay information between drill controllers, so they were not tying up a channel on the public safety radios.

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ARES is relatively new to some of our counties first responders and they had mixed reviews on us participating until our operator at the hospital got information that dispatch did not get and we done it via FLDIGI.

Reporting County or District: Ottawa

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : No activities

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached:

DEC/SEC: District 1 Brent, WD8PNZ

Your Name: James Garber

Call Sign: W8CEN

Reporting County or District: Erie

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : 5 Nets; 21 Man Hours; 33 ARES Checkins

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached:

DEC/SEC: District 1 Brent, WD8PNZ

Your Name: Tim Bergeman

Call Sign: KE8IBN

District 2 DEC – Terry, W8UY

Reporting County or District: District 2

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Attended Defiance club monthly meeting, Started process of upgrading ARES repeater at Promedica hospital, started building parts for my rapid response go kit

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DEC/SEC: SEC - Stan, N8BHL

Your Name: Terry Habegger

Call Sign: w8uy

Reporting County or District: Van Wert County

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Our net met 4 times consisting of 11 stations for a total time of 6 hours.

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DEC/SEC: District 2 Terry, W8UY

Your Name: Ralph Shields

Call Sign: WB8YIH

Reporting County or District: Defiance

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Continuing work on our 09 repeater to make it climate controlled without commercial power. Also working with local hospitals to get radio issues identified during our local SET, fixed/improved to eliminate poor comms in the hospital walls.

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DEC/SEC: District 2 Terry, W8UY

Your Name: Neil Byers

Call Sign: KB8IUO

Reporting County or District: Wood-87

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Meeting at WCEMA to review installation of coax cables to roof-Limited progress-Working with county to determine path/Will be having meeting at EOC following coax installation to discuss antenna design and installation for ARES/Working with DEC to discuss building a mesh network in Wood County-Hope to be starting network

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DEC/SEC: District 1 Brent, WD8PNZ

Your Name: Eric Willman

Call Sign: WD8LEI

Reporting County or District: Auglaize

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : 4 nets at 12 hrs and Octoberfest 10k 6 people at 18 man hrs

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DEC/SEC: District 2 Terry, W8UY

Your Name: Michael Nagel

Call Sign: WD8LLN

District 3 DEC – Fred, W8LLY

Reporting County or District: West Central Ohio District 3 ARES

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : West Central Ohio District 3 ARES had five Weekly District Nets and participated in SET 2019 including six of nine D3 counties (Champaign, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Problem and Shelby). District 3 DEC activated D3 Tactical Net on 444.250 TAC-1 at Bellbrook ARC Emcomm Center with Net Control Station operating under new D3 Call Sign KD3WCO (D3 West Central Ohio). Bill Curtice WA8APB maintained Liaison Station (at home QTH) between District 3 County Liaison Stations and OHDEN. Jim Totten WA8HUB maintained Liaison Station from BARC Emcomm Center W8DGN between District 3 counties and Ohio ARES Net (HF voice). D3 Clark County SET scheduled in December, Logan County is RACES organization and usually does not participate in D3 ARES activities and Darke County did not give reason for not participating. Participating counties generally commented Ohio ARES SET 2019 was a good, practical and do-able Exercise [compared to past 'Black Swan' scenario years].

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DEC/SEC: SEC - Stan, N8BHL

Your Name: Fred Stone

Call Sign: W8LLY

Reporting County or District: Shelby County Ohio District 3

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : See attached summary for SCARES .DOC
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DEC/SEC: District 3 Fred, W8LLY
Your Name: GRANT REED
Call Sign: N8KZL

Ohio Section District Three Shelby County ARES

This report covers October 2019

SCARES had 35 members; we currently have 33 members on the books. Unfortunately, SCARES lost two members this month, N0DQI became a SK, and W8EGL moved out of state.

SCARES has a weekly Net every Sunday evening at 1900 on 146.835 – PL 156.7 for a total of 4 nets and 36.5 man hours for the month of October.

On October 5th, 2019, SCARES participated in the Simulated Emergency Test with most of the district three counties. SCARES simulated the power outage recommended by the SEC and DEC. SCARES operators used the Shelby county ARES primary simplex frequency of 146.490 to communicate from most of the community fire departments. Simplex on VHF was not as good as we had anticipated from the outer parts of the county. SCARES operators, from the CCS at the Shelby Co. EMA building communications room, did maintain contact with district three DEC on the D-3 tactical net on 444.250. We sent ICS 213's via MT63-2KL. We maintained comm logs ICS 309's, as well as followed our ICS 205 band plan. My AAR was emailed to DEC and SEC. My time spent on pre-planning and the AAR was 6 hours and 28-man hours for the SET for a total of 34-man hours. I also spent 6-man hours filing forms for the Shelby County Amateur Radio Emergency Services to the Secretary of the State of Ohio for our Non-Profit organization status.

October 27th, SCARES members attended the scheduled VEC testing, with no testers attending for 7.5 man hours. SCARES also had the business meeting at the Shelby Co. EMA building. discussing general business. 17.5 man hours. Total of 25 man hours. I spent 2 man hours creating my summary report and emails.
TOTAL SCARES MAN HOURS for September = 103.5

Our website is www.shelbycountyohares.com
FB <https://www.facebook.com/pg/SHELBYCOUNTYA.R.E.S/>

I will send this report to DEC 3 Fred Stone and ADEC John Probst as well as the Ohio Section website.
Grant Reed, N8KZL EC Shelby County ARES

Reporting County or District: Montgomery / D3

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Had a total of 4 voice nets and 4 digital nets for the month. The big event for the month was the annual Simulated Emergency Test on October 5th. A total of 35 amateur radio operators checked into the net and 21 operators deployed into the field. There were four Public Service Events on 10/5, 10/13 & 10/26 that amateurs participated in. On September 29th MoCo ARES held its Community Meeting. The program for the evening was on FLDIG Forms.

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DEC/SEC: District 3 Fred, W8LLY
Your Name: Robert M. Flory - EC MoCO ARES
Call Sign: KA5RUC

Reporting County or District: Miami

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : The Miami County Amateur Radio Club conducted a group bunny hunt, i.e, search and find exercise, where three teams were sent out to find one transmitter located somewhere in the county. The teams moved around the county based on directions from a net control operator who was tracking where the teams were, signal strength and directional bearing using compasses and directional antennas. The club is conducting another Tech level license class with the final class session scheduled for Nov 16th followed by a test session the following weekend.

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DEC/SEC: District 3 Fred, W8LLY

Your Name: David B Stein

Call Sign: KC9NVP

Reporting County or District: Greene

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : GCARES members continue to be active with weekly GCARES, Greene County DMR Net, BARC, UVARC, GCARES Digital, Win Link, OHDEN,& Ohio Emergency Prep; D3.License classes for Technician, General and Extra underway; Simulated Emergency Test; Greene County Emergency Preparedness Planning Committee; Served agency meetings and radio maintenance; Miami Valley Mesh Alliance.

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DEC/SEC: District 3 Fred, W8LLY

Your Name: Henry Ruminski

Call Sign: W8HJR

District 4 DEC – Steve, N8TFD**Reporting County or District: HIGHLAND**

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : SET HAD 9 MEMBERS WITH 18 HRS I RECEIVED 125 MESSAGES ON MARS AND SENT 66 MESSAGES WITH 33 HRS

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DEC/SEC: District 4 Steve, N8TFD

Your Name: Harley P Maines

Call Sign: K8HM

Reporting County or District: Warren

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Monthly 2-meter net with seven participants. No meeting due to unavailability of EOC.

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DEC/SEC: District 4 Steve, N8TFD

Your Name: Dennis O'Neill

Call Sign: N8EPG

Reporting County or District: Clinton

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Slow month.

Attach Files – Multiple files can be attached:

DEC/SEC: District 4 Steve, N8TFD

Your Name: Michael W. Boyle

Call Sign: WF8B

Reporting County or District: Butler – D4

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Voice nets 6, Digital nets 19, total for both 25, MHRS for both 25.42 No drills, test, or training sessions were held due to flu season – 0 hours Tornado Siren test observation continues with 1 session 32 operators reporting 32 of 64 sirens ALL functioned 100% – 32 man hours. The other 32 will be observed next month.

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DEC/SEC: District 4 Steve, N8TFD

Your Name: David Williams

Call Sign: N8DHW

Reporting County or District: Hamilton

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : October was our final push for public safety events in Hamilton Co. Blink Cincinnati 2019 was a four day all evening event across downtown Cincy and Northern KY. We provided a means for backup comms if needed. During the same weekend we had the annual Queen Bee half-marathon. This is a very popular event. We provided course spotting and lead runner info to the organizers. Hamilton Co PSAP experienced a power outage on the 15th. We were placed on standby and ready to respond if asked to help out. The usual nets and meeting continued through Oct. We are taking a break for the holidays in Nov and Dec.

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DEC/SEC: District 4 Steve, N8TFD

Your Name: Bryan Hoffman

Call Sign: KC8EGV

District 5 DEC – Dottie, KC8SYF**Reporting County or District: Mahoning**

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Participated in the 2019 Ohio SET

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DEC/SEC: District 5 Dottie, KC8SYF

Your Name: David Brett

Call Sign: KD8NZF

Reporting County or District: Trumbull

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Quiet month here

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DEC/SEC: District 5 Dottie, KC8SYF

Your Name: Dennis Carraher

Call Sign: N8IVE

Reporting County or District: Columbiana

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : None

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached:

DEC/SEC: District 5 Dottie, KC8SYF

Your Name: Don Kemp

Call Sign: NN8B

Reporting County or District: Summit / District 5

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : We had our last monthly meeting for the year, we visited the Summit County EOC and had a presentation from the EMA Director for Summit County and then we shared questions and ideas about how Amateur Radio could help the EMA

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DEC/SEC: District 5 Dottie, KC8SYF

Your Name: Kenneth E Dorsey Jr

Call Sign: KA8OAD

Reporting County or District: Stark County

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Stark County ARES completed 5 public service training nets for the month of October that totaled 109 check-ins. There were no public service events during the month, but we staffed an information table at the Massillon Hamfest that provided general information of our ARES program here in Stark County, displayed several "Go-Boxes" and our current DMR Repeater System.

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DEC/SEC: District 5 Dottie, KC8SYF

Your Name: Terry Russ

Call Sign: N8ATZ

Reporting County or District: Portage

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : I have five (5) hours of time for this month to report doing administrative tasks related to my position as EC. I have a SKYWARN Training event scheduled for November. I had no emergency activations for the month of October. I have been trying to recruit new members for ARES with little success.

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DEC/SEC: District 5 Dottie, KC8SYF

Your Name: James K. Andrews

Call Sign: KD8VT

District 6 DEC – Danny, W8DLB

Reporting County or District: District Six

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : District Six was somewhat active for the S.E.T. did a great time to check important Ares to cover in a disaster

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DEC/SEC: SEC - Stan, N8BHL

Your Name: Danny Bailey

Call Sign: W8DLB

Reporting County or District: Ashland County

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : We had some activity this month. Some people checked into the net but they were not in VolunteerHub so I made them anonymous. Several folks went to Loudonville and installed a new antenna at that repeater site. I still have problems with getting people to register and record their own time in VH. I don't check into our net very often and many times no one submits a report.

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DEC/SEC: District 6 Danny, W8DLB

Your Name: Lee Farquharson

Call Sign: N8LFLK

Reporting County or District: Morrow

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : none

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DEC/SEC: District 6 Danny, W8DLB

Your Name: Duane Meadows

Call Sign: k8mda

Reporting County or District: Richland

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : October SET went very well

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DEC/SEC: District 6 Danny, W8DLB

Your Name: Danny Bailey

Call Sign: W8DLB

Reporting County or District: Wayne

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : The highlight of October was the SET exercise that was reported on separately. This exercise provided valuable information pertaining to simplex coverage. Our group also participated in a “digital net” and this was a first for many of our members. We plan to conduct monthly digital nets to allow users to gain experience in using Fldigi.

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DEC/SEC: District 6 Danny, W8DLB
Your Name: Douglas Hunter
Call Sign: KE8JNH

District 7 DEC – Mark, KB8YMN

Reporting County or District: Distrc 7

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Interesting Month with a lot of activity in District #7. The EC's turned in timely reports for October. And several are working on very interesting test reports.

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DEC/SEC: SEC - Stan, N8BHL

Your Name: Mark M. Griggs

Call Sign: KB8YMN

Reporting County or District: Marion

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Fox hunt was very successful.

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DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: William E Tromm Jr.

Call Sign: KE8ECT

Reporting County or District: Licking Co.

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Licking County Comments: We started out with a busy month with various meetings for upcoming events and exercises. We are continuing to work closely with the EMA testing the ham equipment that have been put into go-kits for mobility and the antenna system as work continues at the new 911 center and EMA/EOC. Various members are continuing to work with the EMA, county, city and repeater owners throughout the county on alternate, additional & back-up repeater sites in the county in case our main tower / repeater has a failure due to unforeseen circumstances. 2019 SET for Licking Co. was successful and had a great turn out of members to help, thanks to all that took the time out of their busy day, 90% of the goals that the EC set were met and there's a lot of work that needs to be done yet. With things winding down for the year, this would be a great time to catch up on some training.

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached:

DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: Bret Stemen

Call Sign: KD8SCL

Reporting County or District: Madison

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Only major event - SET

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DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: Mark Erbaugh

Call Sign: N8ME

Reporting County or District: Knox

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : This month we have spent a lot of time working on our repeater and our mesh network. We are trying to get the whole county covered with the mesh network. It's a slow process.

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DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: Bill Stroud

Call Sign: KD8WHQ

Reporting County or District: FAIRFIELD

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : ARES Nets, K8QIK Nets, ARES Repeater testing, Testing, SET, Training, Fox hunt, Multi county communications testing, Gear up for Freedom Is Never Free event.

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DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: Greg P. DerSarkisian

Call Sign: KD8SSJ

Reporting County or District: Delaware / D7

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : We specialized in SET for October in Delaware County. We tested simplex to all fire/police stations, the hospital and some other critical locations from our County Control Station at the Red Cross. We determined relay points to cover the county, and a map was produced for future use.

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DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: Stan Broadway

Call Sign: N8BHL

Reporting County or District: Fayette

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : No Activity this month

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached:

DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: James Scott

Call Sign: N8ORJ

Reporting County or District: Pickaway county

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Had 3 on-air nets and 1 in-person meeting

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached:

DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: Scott Hixon

Call Sign: Kc8itn

Reporting County or District: Franklin

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Most of our activity is complete for 2019. We will be planning for yearend activities as December approaches. Membership continues to increase and we're working to involve new members in Franklin County activities.

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DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: John Montgomery

Call Sign: N8PVC

Reporting County or District: Union

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : We had a good month. Working with the Union County EMA, we were able to test simplex communications between the fire and police departments in Union County. We used mobile radios; some were HTs with a mag mount antenna. We have a good idea of coverage areas at each location. Our served agency, the Union County EMA has sent the information we gathered to the fire and police departments along with our recommendation of installing antennas on existing towers or buildings for amateur radio operators to use with their radios when needed. The antennas are expected to be installed on the new tower this month. After that is done and the ECC radio room is setup at EMA station 720, we will be testing simplex and repeater coverage from there to the same locations we did for the SET. That will let us know how well the repeaters and simplex work from the new location with the new antennas.

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DEC/SEC: District 7 Mark, KB8YMN

Your Name: Edmund Liddle

Call Sign: KE8ANU

District 8 DEC – Jeff, N8SUZ**Reporting County or District: District 8**

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : None

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached:

DEC/SEC: SEC - Stan, N8BHL

Your Name: Jeff Slattery

Call Sign: N8SUZ

Reporting County or District: Lawrence

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Had a good SET this year. We sent teams into the field to send a message from Blackfork to Ironton. Black fork is a small community that is on the county line with Jackson County. The Sheriff, Fire Departments and 911 all have trouble with dead spots in this area. We established contact on simplex with only one relay! ARES members enjoyed the drive through the country and the colorful leaves this time of year.

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached: Lawrence County Simulated Emergency Test 2019.docx

DEC/SEC: District 8 Jeff, N8SUZ

Your Name: Eddie Jenkins
Call Sign: N8URU
Lawrence County Simulated Emergency Test 2019
Presented by
Eddie Jenkins, N8URU, ARES EC Lawrence County Ohio

The operation began at 0800, October 19, 2019, at the Lawrence County Emergency Operation Center. The Emergency Coordinator, Eddie Jenkins, N8URU, gave the team the basic outline of the test.

Lawrence County and indeed the entire Tri-State Area (OH-KY-WV) had been hit with a Corneal Mass Ejection (CME) that has caused a major power/communications failure. We will need to use simplex operations and pass a message from the community of Blackfork, on the Jackson County line, to the EOC. Participants were reminded to properly ID at the end of each transmission and include the phrase "this is a simulated emergency."

The team consists of James Rowe N8TVO AEC, Keith Brooks N8DKB AEC, Eddie Jenkins N8URU EC, Tim Nicely AC8VQ President of SOARA and Mike Love WB8YKS PIO.

Jim Rowe, N8TVO, and Mike Love, WB8YKS, went to Blackfork, on State Route 93 at the county line, and prepared a message using the ARRL Radiogram format. Keith Books, N8DKB, and Tim Nicely, AB8VQ, went to the Dean State Forest Headquarters to set up a relay station. Eddie Jenkins, N8URU, remained at the EOC.

Keith and Tim soon realized that they could not reliably contact the EOC. They then moved to the Johns Creek Trailhead on County Road 4. This helped provide reliable communications with the EOC and spotty but readable communications with Blackfork. The message was passed with 100 percent accuracy from Blackfork to the EOC. Black fork was chosen as the location of the test because it is one of the most distant locations from the EOC. It is also an area that Fire, Police, and 911 often have poor communications. The test demonstrated that we can reliably pass information from the longest distance in our county to the EOC. This information will be critical in a real emergency.

During the exercise the team also made contact from team to team from the Telegraph Ridge Trailhead and the Sand Creek Trailhead. Both of these locations are located on high points in the Wayne National Forrest. This information will be of great use to cover other areas in the county.

We conducted a Hot Wash. The team members were impressed with the reliability of simplex operations within our county, which is in a very hilly region. The team members in the field expressed they had a great time and enjoyed driving through some of the most beautiful area of our county.

Reporting County or District: Hocking

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Not much to report this month. We had our weekly Wednesday nets and our club meeting on the first Tuesday. Our October meeting was held at the Pizza Crossing in Logan and a fun evening was had by all. HVARC will be holding a ARRL license exam on Sunday December 1st. See AREC Connect for details. I'm submitting a little early as I will be out of town Nov. 1 - 12th.

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DEC/SEC: District 8 Jeff, N8SUZ

Your Name: David Brimmer

Call Sign: KB8OTU

Reporting County or District: Meigs

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : none

Attach Files - Multiple files can be attached: Meigs10_2019.pdf

DEC/SEC: District 8 Jeff, N8SUZ

Your Name: Robin Kinney

Call Sign: KG6DI

Activity

2019

October

1. Developed an MOA describing the relationship between the EMA organizations of Meigs and Gallia counties for mutual aid of auxiliary communications volunteers. This document was originally to be a (ARES) Mutual Assistance Team Agreement but evolved into an agreement between the counties due to requirements imposed by the county commissioners. The document is currently in the county prosecutor's office for review.
2. Attended the Gallia County ARRL club, *Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club*, meeting of 10/5 to discuss how best to provide support for each other for emergencies and public service events. Brian Taylor, KZ8U also attended.
3. Met with Mike Kennedy, race director for the Keep Your Fork 5k run. Made the commitment to support this public service event providing radio communications for logistics and safety.
4. Developed the document describing the position assignments and net protocol for the Keep Your Fork 5k run.
5. Operated as net control for the 10/15 session of the OHDEN net.
6. Performed an informal analysis of 80m NVIS propagation during severe evening fading by comparing fldigi reception logs of two OHDEN net participants physically separated by 80 miles.
7. Of the 101 letters mailed to Meigs County radio amateurs last month, recruited two definite new volunteers (as indicated by completion of the county-required application) and seven potential new volunteers. Note that all applications have been approved by the county commissioners.
8. Installed a new VHF/UHF omni at the county control station (currently my station).
9. Developed a test environment to simulate ionospheric fading of NBEMS on 80 meters. Validation of the environment will continue into November. The goal is to use the environment to evaluate flmsg-ARQ using packetized frames and select optimal parameter values to increase successful communication when severe fading exists.

Reporting County or District: Scioto County

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : The SET was a big success with contacts made with all adjacent counties and the State EOC with all local critical facilities contacted. Ongoing projects continue to improve the tower site for readiness in the event of a real world event.

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DEC/SEC: District 8 Jeff, N8SUZ

Your Name: Gib Carver

Call Sign: K8GLC

Reporting County or District: Ross

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : No activity.

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DEC/SEC: District 8 Jeff, N8SUZ

Your Name: Todd Johnson

Call Sign: KD8UND

Reporting County or District: Athens County

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Not all ops in ARES Connect. 2 events total of 50 hours-Buckeye Trail Marathon 10/05 and Komen Athens More than Pink Walk on 10/06. Next event Bobcat Trail Marathon on 11/ 09 at Burr Oak Lake.

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DEC/SEC: District 8 Jeff, N8SUZ

Your Name: Jeff Slattery

Call Sign: N8SUZ

District 9 DEC – Sonny, W8FHF**Reporting County or District: District 9**

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : COSHOCTON CO: Coshocton Co participated in this year's SET with 13 participants. Main play was Oct 5 with some traffic passed on 3rd 4th and 6th. This was an all simplex exercise with no repeaters used. Deep cycle batteries, solar, and generators were used. All fire stations were operated in county, plus the EOC, Sheriff office and Hospital, Health Dept were manned . A shelter was simulated at a home station. A NCS was set up on a hill. 3 stations operated as official traffic stations, with one as a main relay with good coverage and good elevation. Coshocton OTS stations were passing traffic on W8SGT, OHDEN, OSSBN, district 9 comm. Etc. In addition to seeing who could hear each other from all stations on simplex , we also sent and received traffic from agencies on 213 and radiograms. We used Fldigi on simplex on all local messages. The EVS mgr and preparedness coordinator from the Hospital was in attendance at the amateur radio station in the hospital. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful exercise!. EC: Steve Whearcraft, AA8BNGUERNSEY CO: Work party replaced the 2meter/ 440 antenna on top pf the EOC. Eleven members participated in the SET. Several messages were sent. Simplex 2 meter coverage of the county was conducted and difficult locations for communication were noted. Contact with several surrounding counties was accomplished. The monthly training meeting consisted of a debrief of the SET with a discussion on how to improve county simplex communication. The EC attended the county Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting.

EC: Richard W Wayt, WD8SDHTUSCARAWAS CO: 4 voice nets with 62 operators participating; 2 club meetings with 18 in attendance combined; one ARES meeting with 15 in attendance; one Hamfest committee with 9 in attendance; communication with county EMA Director in reference to installing an antenna at the sheriff's office; one special presentation about amateur radio in satellite communications. EC: Tracy Goddard, K8TAE.....DEC DIST 9: Only three counties sent reports for October, need to check why. Participated in the SET drill, contacted the Sarge on 75 mtrs,and passed traffic. Also, communicated with five on my county ECs via two meter simplex. It was noted that some frequency coordination must be addressed to correct simplex cross district interference.

Reviewed the District Nine simplex frequency plan and corrections were implemented. DEC-9: Sonny Alfman, W8FHF.

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DEC/SEC: SEC - Stan, N8BHL

Your Name: G Sonny Alfman

Call Sign: W8FHF

Reporting County or District: Guernsey / D9

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

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DEC/SEC: District 9 Sonny, W8FHF

Your Name: Richard W Wayt

Call Sign: WD8SDH

Reporting County or District: Coshocton

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

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DEC/SEC: District 9 Sonny, W8FHF

Your Name: Steve Wheatcraft

Call Sign: AA8BN

Reporting County or District: Belmont

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Ocotober 10th Regular club meeting, October 17th attended gas and oil meeting at the EMA, October 23, set up and demo of decontamination tent at EMA, October 25th, attended meeting at WV DOT building regarding I70 traffic issues, October 29, EQT gas and oil training class at EMA, Thursday October 31 assisted EMA with net minor flooding in the county

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DEC/SEC: District 9 Sonny, W8FHF

Your Name: Frank Wojewodka

Call Sign: KD8JXP

Reporting County or District: Tuscarawas County- District 9

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : 4 voice nets with 62 operators participating; 2 club meetings with 18 in attendance combined; one ARES meeting with 15 in attendance; one Hamfest committee with 9 in attendance; communication with county EMA Director in reference to installing an antenna at the sheriff's office; one special presentation about amateur radio in satellite communications.

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DEC/SEC: District 9 Sonny, W8FHF

Your Name: Tracy Goddard

Call Sign: k8tae

District 10 DEC – Eric, N8AUC**Reporting County or District: District 10**

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Great job by all who participated in this year's SET! Thank you for all you do on behalf of ARES!

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DEC/SEC: SEC - Stan, N8BHL

Your Name: Eric Jessen

Call Sign: N8AUC

Reporting County or District: Cuyahoga County

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Public Service event season is basically done for the year. One more big event remains, which is Skywarn Recognition Day on Dec 7.

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DEC/SEC: District 10 Eric, N8AUC

Your Name: Eric Jessen

Call Sign: N8AUC

Reporting County or District: Lake Co.

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : On Oct. 6th Lake Co. ARES provide support communications for the Lake Health N. O. Marathon. We worked with Police and Fire departments of Grand River, Mentor, Mentor on the Lake and Willoughby making sure the runners had a safe event. Twelve ARES operators donated 10 plus hours to this event. Six amateurs attended E.O.C. staff training for the coming 2020 Perry Power Plant drill. Lake Co. members attended a weather training session at the Cleveland N.W.S. office.

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DEC/SEC: District 10 Eric, N8AUC

Your Name: MJGoffos

Call Sign: WB8ZGH

Reporting County or District: Geauga

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Worked the Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival which is the last event of the year.

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DEC/SEC: District 10 Eric, N8AUC

Your Name: Pat Karl

Call Sign: N8ONI

Reporting County or District: Medina County

Reporting Month: October

Reporting Year: 2019

Comments : Not much going on here just routine nets etc. Lots of work to catch up on before the snow and cold arrives is keeping everyone busy.

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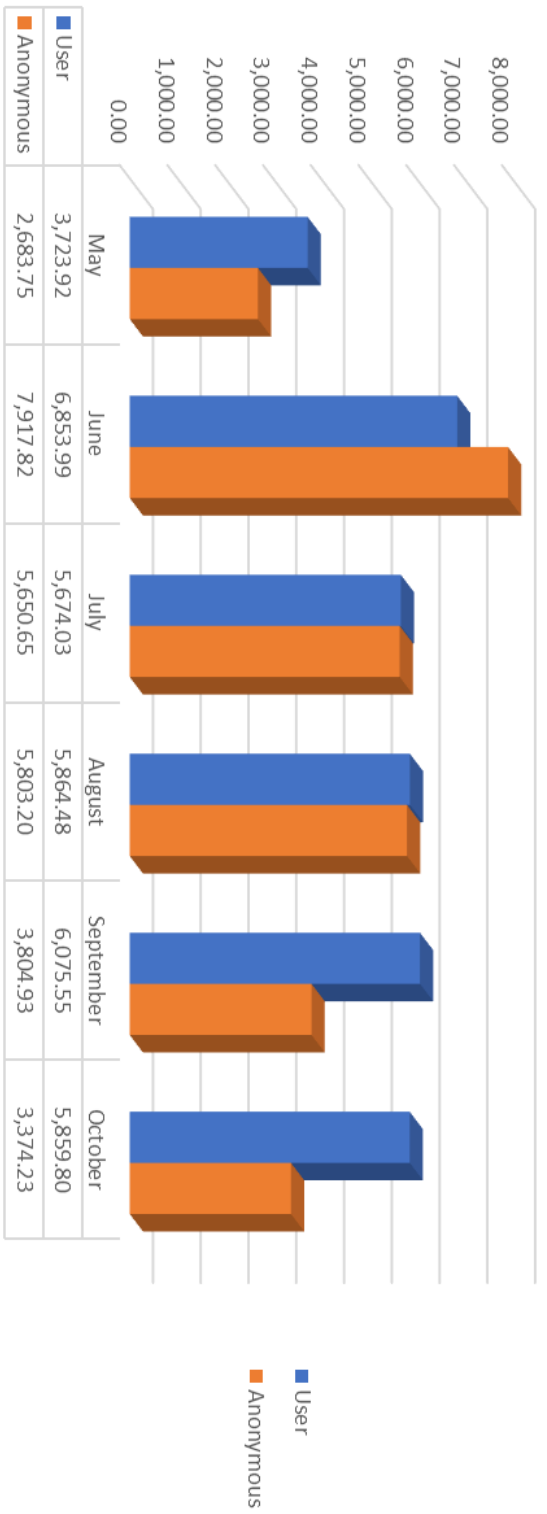
Your Name: James Bodnar

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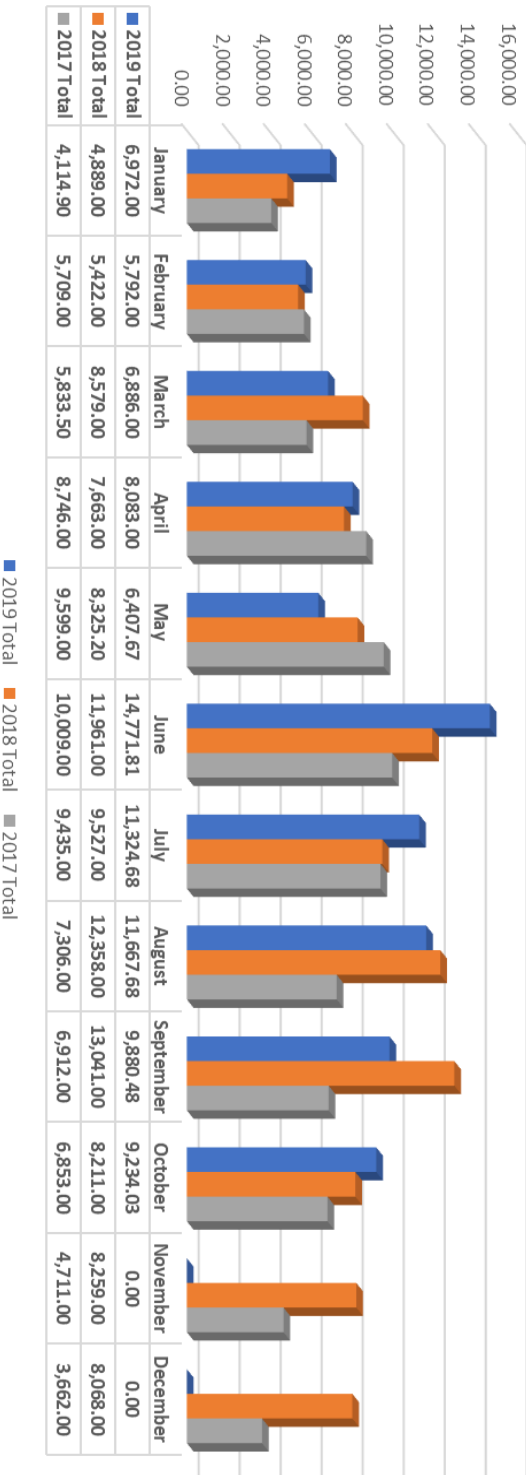
Histograms 2019

User Hours vs Anonymous Hours



Hours Volunteered from 2017 - 2019

May 2019 started reporting from ARES Connect Information



Volunteer Hours by Category

