



ARES Monthly Section Emergency Coordinators Report

Email form to: monthlysecreports@arrl.org

1. ARRL Section	
2. Month	
3. Year	
4. Total number of ARES members	
5. Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month	
6. Number of ARES nets active	
7. Number of nets with NTS liaison	
8. Calls of DECs/EC reporting:	

9a. Number of exercises & training sessions this month		9b. Person hours	
10a. Number of public service events this month		10b. Person hours	
11a. Number of emergency operations this month		11b. Person hours	
12a. Number of SKYWARN operations this month		12b. Person hours	
13a. Auto Sum 9a, 10a, 11a, 12a		13b. Auto Sum 9b, 10b, 11b, 12b	

Comments:

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Call sign: _____

Please send your SEC report before the 10th of the month to: monthlysecreports@arrl.org

Ohio ARES Monthly Activity Report – August, 2022

Hi all. Good news and “encouragement!”

Of Ohio’s 88 counties, we have only 10 that do not have EC’s on the roster. That’s a solid saturation of ARES in the state!

From these reports we can tally 1245 members, growing by 5 from June. 8 counties have single-digit numbers.

We logged 382 voice nets, 84 digital nets for a total of 1879 hours of participation.

We logged 516 meetings with 589 hours.

There were 60 public service events reported with 3617 hours and 45 emergency ops with 205 hours.

But that’s not all the activity in the Section- the rest goes unnoticed and unreported because we don’t see your monthly reports!

Of the July monthly reports from counties with EC’s (77 potential) we received 43, which has become typical. Of those who did report, only 4 had no activity (no net, no training) to report, so the vast majority did *something*. For July we received NO reports at all from the entire District 2 (5 counties have EC’s). Of the 10 DEC’s for July we received 6 district reports.

I want to gently remind you that submitting a monthly report is a requirement, and it’s not that difficult. If you are not able to do so, you can have AEC’s assigned to the task to assist! It is a little more important than just crunching numbers. When the Legislature coughs up another attempt at hands-free driving, or deals with topics like antenna restriction we can produce these numbers to prove how amateur radio serves the community and deserves consideration while making these laws. It also helps us when working with EMA and other state agencies. It can even help you on the local level, as these overall numbers can improve your clout with your local agencies. It helps our stature with the League itself, and other Sections and organizations simply because of the size and therefore clout of our thoughts. So I’m asking you to keep the monthly reports coming!

Now- one more thing, and it’s a contorted topic. That is activity itself. I am well aware that COVID killed economies and killed a lot of people. COVID sure took the steam out of amateur radio’s community service as well – and it’s been very slow to get it back. Of the 43 county reports, only 20 had public service activity and 14 reported emergency operations (presumably many were weather net related.) It’s up to us – SEC, DEC, and especially EC – to encourage our members to participate and stay prepared. We just need to prod our folks back into operation. I don’t have a cookie-cutter method to do that.

I have been in the volunteer fire service for 37 years or more, and I have found that the departments which run all the time, almost guarantee you won’t sleep through the night and require tons of time and energy are actually the departments with the most people, the most enthusiasm and participation. Those departments who just don’t get called much, whose trucks sit for days are another story. You’d think because there wasn’t much ‘drain’ on the volunteers they’d be more willing to participate but the opposite is true. It’s harder to recruit and much harder to keep their interest and enthusiasm... perhaps it’s just because they’re not getting used.

Like most volunteer organizations, this can be the case. So if we want to keep our people interested and be a draw for more, we need to stay active! Of course there won't be public service events every week for most of your counties. You can volunteer with neighbors who do have activities. And you can stage training events yourself that will help! Get outside, try different activities and work with your emergency agencies to participate in their exercises as well.

One big event in which we can ALL participate is the **Simulated Emergency Test (SET)**. I emailed guidelines and general goals, but because of requests from all we have returned control of the exercises to YOU! With that comes the responsibility to actually create an exercise, get your people interested, and carry it out October 1. You need to be busy creating the format and MESL now to get everything ready in time!! I'm confident that your running a good exercise will have lasting results!

Thanks for your hard work!

-Stan

District 1

The Northwest Ohio Traffic and Training net for July passed 123 pieces of traffic in 610 minutes in 31 Sessions. The District continues to run radio test with all health care centers on the first Wednesday of the month. I have met with the EM of BGSU where we reviewed their amateur radio emergency communications back up procedures and update where needed. I have been in discussion with the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio for funding to install coax at St.Vincent Hospital as they have moved to a new emergency room where the equipment is located and do not have the funds to re-install the antenna system. I have also been in contact with the Wood County EMA director for on going plans for a response to the solar eclipse in 2024.

District 2

[No counties reported; no District report, no comments.]

District3

Montgomery County -There was a total of 3 voice nets and 24 digital/Winlink nets for the month of July members participated in. Dayton Skywarn was in operation on July 6th, July 20th & July 23rd for severe weather in their coverage area. One MoCo ARES Officer helped out in the Bike MS and utilized our tiny trakers. We held our Planning Meeting on July 26th. -----
----- Greene County - GCARES members continue to be active with weekly GCARES, Greene County and Section DMR, BARC, UVARC, GCARES Digital, Winlink, D3, OHDEN,& Ohio Emergency Prep nets; emergency weather nets, Zoom meetings, Zoom training, on air and on phone training. Public Service Events were plentiful this month and in person club meetings for all local clubs. -----
----- Shelby County -Ohio Section District Three Shelby County ARES
This report covers July 2022. SCARES currently has 25 members on the books. SCARES has a weekly Net every Sunday evening at 1900 on 146.835 – PL 156.7 for a total of 5 nets and 44 hours for the nets during July. July 4th Sidney Fireworks SCARES worked with the Sidney Fire Department and Deputy Chief Dallas Davis to cover the perimeter of the Hot Zone for the Fireworks. KA8RVI, KC6NLX, K8EEP, N4QAD, KE8RXQ, KE8LNS, KC9NVP, KE8RXP, KR4OSE, KE8VCQ, KE8TUQ, KD8SSY, KE8HLS, WB8ZZJ, N6JSX, and N8KZL. Thanks to the Pyro crew with Jim Scott N8ORJ for information directly from the pit. 62 Hours. July 17, 2022 SCARES Meeting for July. Marc Burdiss gave a presentation on <https://shelbyready.com/> Shelby Ready is a new organization reclaiming Shelby County's long history of Civil Defense and Citizen Preparedness that will be active in promoting and strengthening Community in Shelby County, Ohio. N8KZL, KC8CFI, KA8RVI,

KC6NLX, KD8RLF, N8XM, KE8RXQ, KE8LNS, KC9NVP, AF7RE, KB8AXN, KE8NZX, KE8TUQ, and KD8SSY 25 Hours SCARES members registering for Serve Ohio as volunteers with Shelby County ARES under the Shelby County EMA 25 Hours. July, 2022. Repeater, Radio, Computer and Em Comm maintenance and repair, DMR radio programming, testing, updates by KC8CFI, KA8RVI, KE8LNS, and N8KZL for 21 hours KC8CFI, N8KZL, KA8RVI, KD8RLF, KR4OSE & KE8RXQ updated SCARES documents, calendars, website, Facebook pages, emails, reports, meetings, 2022 Fundraiser Raffle, and phone conversations. 18 Hours Shelby County SKYWARN local Net on 443.200, NCO KC6NLX, July 23, 2022. Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Shelby County. Numerous power dips and outages reported as well as a measured 60MPH wind gust in Jackson Center at 1050. Severe weather moved out of the area at 1100. Net secured at 1138. 15 Hours TOTAL SCARES HOURS for July, 2022 = 210 Our website is www.shelbycountyohares.com FB <https://www.facebook.com/pg/SHELBYCOUNTYA.R.E.S/> I have sent this report to DEC 3 Don Parker, KB8PSL, and ADEC John Probst, KA8RVI, as well as the Ohio Section. Grant Reed, N8KZL EC Shelby County ARES ----- Miami County - Nets 7/3/2022 7/10/2022 7/17/2022 7/24/2022 7/31/2022 Sunday Digital Net 0 0 0 0 0 Sunday Voice Net 26 33 34 33 36 26 33 34 33 36 162 7/7/2022 7/14/2022 7/21/2022 7/28/2022 Thursday Net 12 14 15 13 54 Total Net Hours 216 Training RACES meeting 13 26 MCARC meeting 20 30 Total Training Hours 56 WX Nets # Checkins Hours Total July 23 Tornado 3 1 3 Public Service Events Participants Hours ----- Don Parker 3.5 hrs. - 4 BARC nets 1 hr. - 1 SEC zoom meeting 1.2 hrs. - BARC Planning meeting 2 hrs. - ARES Planning meeting 3.5 hrs.- ARES nets 13.2 hrs. Total

District 4

[No district report; no comments]

District 5

Worked communications for the Stow July 4th Parade

District 6

[No district report; no comments]

District 7

Activities are picking up with various event and exercises and planning meeting. We need to continue to train and prepare. Delaware: Delaware refreshed on the FEMA Damage Assessment course. We're picking up a couple events for September. Our twice-weekly digital net is going strong. Fairfield: EVENT: Lancaster Festival. Fairfield County ARES provided Emergency Communication support along side local FIRE, EMS, EMA, and Law Enforcement personnel for 15,000+ attendees. Fayette: New EC - Tom Shelton, ND3N Franklin: Public service activities continue to pick up this year as well as queries for future communications support in 2023. Licking: We had our regular monthly meetings and a few planning meetings. We got hit with a couple of severe thunderstorms warnings and there were no reported damage or injuries. Several members have been mentoring new ham operators and others have been working on recruiting new members. Knox: ARES Tabletop Exercise - Tornado in Knox County Madison: No Comment Marion: We stated the month with the Marion County Fair where we provided assistance in the Grand stand to ensure everyone followed the rules. This was a 6 day event. We also assisted with the Waldo Firemen Festival in Waldo. Perry: No Report Pickaway: No Comment Union: No Report

District 8

Counties reporting: Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Ross, Scioto EC comments: Athens: One local fox hunt held. Upcoming events: August 7 Fox hunt, August 13-14 Baileys Runs Chauncey/Baileys Trail System. Hocking: Had another Fox Hunt on July 23. Only six operators participated but we had a great time and learned a little more about signal location and ended with a great lunch. Our Fox Hunts are always open to any and all operators and are always posted on our website at <https://www.qsl.net/k8lgn/> DEC comments: Put out requests to ECs to canvass members for volunteers to assist with Kentucky flood response. Counties

responding: Meigs, Ross, Hocking, Athens. Two volunteers offered but unable to respond due to the to and from staging area travel requirement with no local accommodations.

District 9

[No district report; no comments]

District 10

Ashtabula: Matt Welsh, KE8DEC is now running the net, co-hosted by me, Jesse Allen. It seems to be working well. We have had 6 check-ins each net. We run a training session during the net. ----- Cuyahoga: Public Event= Pan Ohio Hope Ride, SAG and comm support. ----- Geauga: August and September will be busy for GEARS. We are participating in the Perry Nuclear Power Plant drill with our EMA and Red Cross partners, and we have the 200th Great Geauga County Fair as well - this will run for an additional day. Typically this accounts for well over 1000 man hours. ----- Lake: Lake Health Triathlon hours were included. ----- Lorain: On going training, ensuring all ARES members have basic NIMS. Still having weekly simplex net. ----- Medina: Supported Twin Sizzler Run and Bike Race and the County Food Band distributions.