



# ARES Field Reports

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Report: Form 4

Division: Great Lakes

Section: Ohio

Month/Year: September 2023

History: Reported by Bret Stemen, KD8SCL, SEC on 2023-10-21 00:35:53 UTC

Total number of ARES members:	1,404
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	-240
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	48
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	81
Number of ARES net sessions held:	664
Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	30
Number of participants in nets:	11,952

	Number	Person-Hrs
Exercises this month:	127	1,987.00
Training events this month:	791	5,383.00
Public service events this month:	176	3,420.00
Community service events this month:	23	230.00
Emergency events this month:	5	80.00
SKYWARN events this month:	15	195.00
Meetings this month:	435	1,740.00
Unclassified events this month:	829	4,974.00

### Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

DEC'S:WD8PNZ, KE8FMJ, W8HFZ, KC8ITN, N8SUZ, AA8BN, KC8NZJ. EC'S:AD8AK, KE8DRR, KD8IZU, W8CEN, KD8GSI, KC8PBU, WB8UCD, N8NSD, N8ADO, N8GJK, WA1EIB, KA5RUC, NJ8BB, KA8RVI, WF8B, KC8EGV, KA8OAD, KE8JNH, AF8RJ, N8PVC, N8CJ, N8ME, KE8ECT, KE8OTQ, N8SUZ, KB8OTU, KD8GSP, KG6DI, KB8IIH, KD8JXP, AA8BN, WD8SDH, W8PAB, KD8OSI, KE8JNN, N8NUS, KE8QNV, K8CVM, N8ONI, WB8ZGH, K8ALG, K8MD

### Activity Details:

District 1: WD8PNZ, DEC: Seneca County: Another busy month for Seneca County ARES. Provided communications for 3 public service events this month and great turnouts from the ARES membership on all these. Weekly ARES Nets going very well with around 20 checkins each week. Held our Sept ARES meeting with a 23 attending. See ya next month. Huron County- No Report, Sandusky County - No Comment, Hancock County - No Comment, Wood County - No Report, Lucas County - No Comment, Ottawa County - No Report, Wyandot County - No Report, Hardin County - No Report

District 2: KA8VBR, DEC: No Report Received

District 3: KE8FMJ, DEC: Montgomery County - MoCo ARES Planning Meeting was held on 9/26. Had a total of 93 participants for the month. Miami County - No Report. Greene County - Besides the regular net sessions and club meetings, September was a particularly busy month for GCARES. Support for Young's Dairy Charity Bike Ride involved a number of volunteers covering a large area. The Air Force Marathon is a very large event with 59 ham volunteers helping to assure the safety of 8500 runners. We also started a series of classes to assist in obtaining or upgrading Amateur Radio licenses. Preble County - Weekly participation ARES nets, monthly ARES meeting. Several members participated in Germantown Ohio Twisted pretzel bike ride, providing comms from selected locations. Elizabeth Klinc, DEC - MoCo Nets, Greene Nets. Weekly D3 Nets. County Liaison for SKYWARN Activity. Ohio Section PIC. Club Meetings (XWARN, DARA, GCARES). Was active in Young's Ride and Air Force Marathon. About 4 counties reported multiple attempts to turn report in and the form was not working.

District 4: N8TFD, DEC: No Report Received

District 5: W8HFZ, DEC: No Report Received

District 6: W8DBL, DEC: No Report Received

District 7: KC8ITN, DEC: PICKAWAY COUNTY: Treated one of our nets as a emergency power net, with success. Multiple successful check-ins to the net without use of commercial power. FRANKLIN COUNTY: We had events at Deer Creek, Grandview Heights and the FAA required Airport Drill at Port Columbus. We also discussed being prepared and readiness, first at home and then as radio operators. Now we prepare for the Columbus Marathon on October 15th. LICKING COUNTY: We continue to have our ARES nets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, members are also participating/checking into other ARES nets in surrounding counties. In addition, ARES members participate in regular traffic nets, club nets, weekly luncheons and various meetings. Work continues on our ARES/CERT communication trailer renovations. Special thanks to KE8GTP, N8HLP, W8BWD and others for their continued work on the upgrades to the communication trailer. Several members have been spending extra time researching new equipment, researching new modes of operation and programming new rigs for use in their operations. The EC practiced his portable operating skills at several POTA activations along with contesting activities throughout the month. The EC is venturing into the world of FT8 with limited success at this point and plans to continue to improve digital skills in the months ahead. 2023 SET operation will be conducted in conjunction with a CERT training session in first week of October. We continue to struggle with encouraging participation and involvement with ARES members. The hope is that maybe some operating activities will lead to some increased excitement from Hams across the county in the coming months. DELAWARE COUNTY: Fldigi with interface to new computer installed at EOC MARION COUNTY: We continue to plan for the 2024 solar eclipse..

District 8: N8SUZ, DEC: Counties reporting: Athens, Hocking, Jackson, Scioto EC comments: Athens: ACARA , SCARF and VCARC participated in OSPOTA from Stroud's Run SP, Burr Oak SP and Lake Alma respectively. ACARA held a fox hunt for training Hocking:On Sept 24 HVARC assisted with the Lake Logan Triathlon. Also on Sept 24 th we participated on OSPOTA. DEC comments: Upcoming events: Saturday, October 7, Buckeye Trail Run 4 Blue Blazes Runs in Shawnee, Saturday, November 11, Bobcat Trail Marathon/half marathon at Burr Oak Lake SP, ACARA Fox hunt Sunday October 29, 1 PM

District 9: AA8BN, DEC: District 9, Weekly Saturday. D9 nets as always..... District preparing for Oct 7SET.. Plenty of phone calls, emails , tests of packet network with counties, fldigi, winlink ..... We've also had several out of district check-ins..... AA8BN. DEC..... Belmont no comments.. report sent. KD8JXP. EC..... Coshocton Comments: LEPC attended and mentioned SET Oct 7 and that Coshocton would be participating in D9..... Check-in from Coshocton on district 9 net Saturdays..... Majority of time was planning for SET Oct 7 involving D9 packet network, fldigi, hf, winlink, vhf ..... Appointed kb8pxm acting EC as I would be D9 DEC that Saturday for SET... AA8BN. EC..... Guernsey.. Comments: Guernsey ARES participated in the OSPOTA from Blue Rock state park. Work continues on the communications van. The EC met with the county EMA director to discuss ARES support for the EMA.... WD8SDH. EC..... Jefferson.. Comments: 1. Flidigi and message handling training continues once every week. 2. ARES members participated in the Ohio Parks on the Air outing and practiced setting up portable rigs. 3. ARES members provided communications for Susan Kesser 5K run in Steubenville OH.4. See attached report of how many of our ARES members are spending their time with amateur radio... W8PAB EC..... Monroe Comments. No report..... W8VYR EC..... Noble.. Comments , none. . Report sent..... KD8OSI. EC..... Tuscarawas.. Comments: none , Report sent,,. KE8JNN. EC ..... Washington .. Comments , none , report sent .... N8NUS EC.....

District 10: KC8NZJ, DEC: Ashtabula: KE8JW - None. Cuyahoga: K8SAS - Events Supported; (Sag, Comms or both) Shaker Nature Center Walk and Hike Coast to Coast Bike Event Cleveland HamFest River Run. Geauga: AD8G - Almost 50 volunteers worked the Great Geauga County Fair for GEARS. The Fair Board was impressed that we did nearly one thousand golf cart transports. Lake: KB8BKE - None Lorain: KC8CAD - Working on training plan for 2024. Ongoing simplex net. Members provided support for Marathon. Medina: K8MD - EMA requested Communications support for Tunnels to Towers 5k in the city of Medina Continue to support Food bank

### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

Section: KD8SCL, SEC: What a busy month we had in the Ohio Section, Most of the counties are planning for the upcoming SET in October and the SARGE will be activated. Additional planning meetings continue for the upcoming Solar Eclipse 2024 which is just 7 short months away. Most counties have been busy with public service events. I personally had the pleasure of attending the Louisville KY hamfest to represent Ohio ARES at the ARRL and ARES Symposiums with Josh & Mike from the ARRL as well as Scott Yonally. I was able to spent a great deal of time with Scott, Mike and Josh, I had a great time at the hamfest and was able to meet great bunch of folks. Looking forward to see what October brings.

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