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Form 4 - ARES Monthly SEC Report

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The following information was saved as an in-progress report by Bret Stemen, KD8SCL, OH SEC for **Ohio, October, 2023**.

Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section: 81
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month: 50

Data:

	ARESMem	Nets	Nets/NTS	Participants	Exercises		Training		PubService		ComService		Emergencies		SKYWARN		Meet
					Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs	Num
Totals	1419	2248	75	6744	325	3,900.00	762	4,454.00	75	1,935.00	155	1,860.00	0	0.00	10	70.00	195

Call signs of DECs reporting:

DEC'S: WD8PNZ, KE8FMJ, W8DBL, KC8ITN, N8SUZ, AA8BN, KC8NZJ, EC'S: AD8AK, KD8IZU, W8CEN, KC8PBU, KB8IUO, WB8UCD, N8NSD, KD8KIR, N8ADO, N8GJK, WA1EIB, KA5RUC, KA8RVI, WF8B, KC8EGV, WB8YHD, KA8OAD, W8DLB, AF8RJ, KE8CVP, N8PVC, N8CJ, N8ME, KE8ECT, KE8OTQ, N8SUZ, KB8OTU, KD8GSP, KB8IIH, KD8JXP, AA8BN, WD8SDH, W8PAB, W8VYR, KD8OSI, KE8JNN, N8NUS, W8DEC, K8CVM, N8ONI, WB8ZGH, K8ALG, K8MD

Activity Details:

District 1: WD8PNZ, DEC: SENECA COUNTY, Another busy month with nets scouts, parades, meetings and committees.

HURON COUNTY, No Report. SANDUSKY COUNTY, No Comment. HANCOCK COUNTY, No Comment. WOOD COUNTY, No Report. LUCAS COUNTY, No Comment. OTTAWA COUNTY, We completed an SET this month. First time in several years. Scenario was an ice storm followed by blizzard like conditions. Members could stay home and operate as if they would during such an event. The event spanned Sat and Sun 0800- 1600 hours. We did a simplex test on Sunday to sort of map our simplex coverage of the county. We were sort of surprised that UHF simplex propagated better than VHF in our mobiles and can cover almost the whole county by UHF simplex. One member discovered a programming error while trying this which will be beneficial in the future. Also talking with Sandusky County Skywarn about once again partnering with them for Skywarn activations to help streamline reports to NWS Cle. WYANDOT COUNTY, No Report. HARDIN COUNTY, No Report.

District 2: KA8VBR, DEC: No Report Received

District 3: KE8FMJ, DEC: Montgomery County - MoCo ARES members had a meeting with German Twp CERT on 10/5 to discuss next months combined exercise. MoCo ARES General Meeting was held on 10/24. Main topic was discussing the upcoming CERT combined exercise. Had a total of 133 participants for the month. -- Miami County - Nets 10/1/2023 10/8/2023 10/15/2023 10/22/2023 10/29/2023 Sunday Digital Net 0 0 0 0 0 Sunday Voice Net 26 26 24 25 25 26 26 24 25 25 126 10/5/2023 10/12/2023 10/19/2023 10/26/2023 Thursday Net 15 9 8 10 42 Total Net Hours 168 Training RACES meeting 9 18 MCARC meeting 20 30 Total Training Hours 48 WX Nets # Checkins Hours Total 0 0 0 Total WX Nets Hours 0 Public Service Events Participants Hours Total Cross county meet 8 6 48 0 0 Total Public Service Events Hours 48-- Greene County - October was another busy month for Greene County hams. Besides the usual nets and club meetings, there were a number of special events. The SET gave us a chance to practice activation and checking into Resource and Tactical nets. We activated a station at the Greene EMA and demonstrated the use of Winlink to send an ICS213 with a sitrep directed to the state EMA, We supported Tour de Gem, a bike tour with a lot of territory to cover and a significant number of participants. An October staple is the District Cross Country meet. We had a demo deployment of the XWARN trailer as part of the Fire Prevention Week Open House, which was in live operation as part of the SET. Classes for entry and upgrade licenses continued. A follow-up to last month's Air Force Marathon was the "Hotwash" summary meeting. Several of our members participated in Disaster Assessment training in support of the EMA and the EC and an AEC attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting--- Preble County - The EMA office radio room was closed do to building renovations. Meetings and training held at an alternate location. The EMA office is being expanded and the radio room will be discontinued and demolished to make room for a bigger conference room. However, the EMA has provided an office space with even more room. Plans are underway to deinstall all radio gear and relocate to new room. Work will be conducted during the week as time permits. An audit of needed equipment, modifications and electrical outlets are under way. Preble ARES was invited to attend a Radiation response drill on October 28, 2023. 10 ARES members participated. Class room instruction to the dangers of radiation, types of radiation and mitigation to the public. In addition, a practical exercise was conducted on decom process with actual decon tents set up. ---Clark County - Clark Co ARES will hold it's SET in Nov. 23 ---- 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 Tour de Gem and District Cross Country Meet. This month, two counties reported issues turning report in and the form was not working. One got it to work the next morning and the other gave me his list manually in a word doc.

District 4: N8TFD, DEC: No Report Received

District 5: W8HFZ, DEC: No Report Received

District 6: W8DBL, DEC: No Comment

District 7: KC8ITN, DEC: PICKAWAY COUNTY: Members assisted with EOC activation for Pumpkin Show. FAIRFIELD COUNTY: Operated on our secondary repeater through-out the month of October. This presented opportunities to adjust our signal strength needed to reach the secondary repeater, learn our limitations, and how to communicate signal reports. FRANKLIN COUNTY: Our main event this month was the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon. We participated in the After Action Review for the FAA Mandated Port Columbus Airport Drill. Our Emergency Communications Readiness Program verifies that agencies have working radios, feed-lines and antennas should operators be deployed or activated for a drill or emergency. Several ARES members deployed to Chicago for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. LICKING COUNTY: 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. Several operators joined into the SET for Licking County and the report will be filed with ARRL by the end of 2023. 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 managed to get Winlink running prior to the SET; also got FT8 running and tested for future POTA Activations and general QRP/digital operations by end of the month. The EC also invested time studying the new ARRL publication for POTA operations. Special thanks to ARES members that stepped up to help me with EC duties while I tended to a family situation. 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: SET completed on October 7. Simulated Eclipse operation. MARION COUNTY: Quiet month for us in Marion. Looking forward to April 2024 eclipse

District 8: N8SUZ, DEC: Counties Reporting: Athens, Hocking, Jackson, Scioto EC comments: Athens: Held one fox hunt training and served Buckeye Trail Run 4 Blue Blazes Hocking: We have started our Third Tuesday Radio Night programs again. Usually the third Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Homeland Security building. Currently working on building a hex beam antenna. DEC comments: Next event will be Bobcat Trail Marathon at Burr Oak State Park on November 11. ACARA will begin Technician license classes on January 15, 2024.

District 9: AA8BN, DEC: D9 ARES Comments: This years SET had district net up on 2m for any traffic ,etc. for over 5 hours. Sent/ received some packet messages and some winlink, and voice. Also had some h&w traffic to other districts. If any other counties want to schedule SET other than our Oct 7 SET they should contact D9 DEC... AA8BN DEC..... Belmont Comments : none,. Report submitted KD8JXP EC..... Coshocton comments: SET was main event of the month. This year a few of the regular group were not available due to family. So several people got placed into new duties. All did great . KB8PXM was net control CCS, as well as acting EC. He monitored D9 2m net as well. KE8WIP simulated hospital station , KA8BJA was OTS moving traffic into and out of county with packet, ossbn, N8MXX operated packet, monitored 3902 as well. Thanks to the group who participated. AA8BN EC Guernsey Comments: October was a busy month. The EC attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee. We have met several times with the EMA director to discuss how to enhance our ARES support to the EMA. Our SET was held on Saturday October 7 from 9am to 12 noon. We had ten operators participate in the SET. The exercise was a grid down scenario. We had three staging areas, one rover, and the EOC in play. Several radiograms as well as ICS213 were passed between the staging areas, rover, and the EOC. Several messages were passed in district, as well as simulated "welfare" radiograms to friends or relatives. These welfare radiograms were relayed into the NTS. We used voice as well as digital to pass the traffic. We were asked to set up a Jamboree on the air station for the local BSA fall camporee on Saturday October 21. It was great success with dozens of scouts getting to talk on the air..... WD8SDH EC..... Jefferson Comments: 1. Fldigi and message handling training continues once every week. 2. ARES members participated in the SET on October 7th. 3. See attached report of how many of our ARES members are spending their time with amateur radio. W8PAB EC..... Monroe Comments: Not a lot to report for the month of October for Monroe. I did get with Belmont County this month and do some range testing to see if we could communicate without their repeater. For the month of November we may be working a parade here I will advise in the next report.... W8VYR. EC..... Noble Comments: none, report submitted. .. KD8OSI EC Tuscarawas Comments: none , report submitted. KE8JNN. EC..... Washington Comments: none,, report submitted. N8NUS EC.....

District 10: KC8NZJ, DEC: Ashtabula: KE8JW - Had our first ARES meeting today with 16 people in attendance. We completed an ARRL/ARES overview. Discussed upcoming events, trainings, and weekly nets. Next meeting November 25th. Many thanks to our DEC Mat KC8NZJ for attending today. ===== Geauga: AD8G - The Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival was the same weekend as the SET, which I'm sure was far less fun. Our volunteers were busy providing safety and security at the festival, as well as evangelizing amateur radio. If the SET has pumpkin pancakes in 2024, we'll consider it. Lake: KB8BKE - (none) Lorain: KC8CAD - Pumpkin Patrol again this year as always. Unfortunately we were not able to have SET this year. Still hold weekly simplex net and working on training plan for next year. ===== Medina: K8MD - (none)

Administrative and Other Comments:

Section: KD8SCL, SEC: What a busy month we had in the Ohio Section, Most of the counties are having planning meetings and exercises for the upcoming Solar Eclipse 2024 which is just 6 short months away. Most counties have been busy with public service events and exercises. Thank you to the counties that participated in the SET. The SARGE was open during the SET and received a lot of messages with sit reps, I also received several messages. The messages came in via voice, WinLink and digital. I am pleased with the results so far, a few counties will be having their SET at a later date this year. I was told by Josh Johnson KE5MHV (Emergency Management Director ARRL) that he is working on some updates and upgrades for ARES members, I am looking forward to see what is coming soon and will keep everyone updated as I get them.