



ARES Field Reports

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Division: Great Lakes

Section: Ohio

Month/Year: November 2023

History: Reported by Bret Stemen, KD8SCL, SEC on 2023-12-22 20:01:45 UTC

Total number of ARES members:	1,475
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	56
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	50
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	79
Number of ARES net sessions held:	642
Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	60
Number of participants in nets:	240

	Number	Person-Hrs
Exercises this month:	771	5,022.00
Training events this month:	134	267.00
Public service events this month:	126	1,030.00
Community service events this month:	0	0.00
Emergency events this month:	3	36.00
SKYWARN events this month:	0	0.00
Meetings this month:	312	834.00
Unclassified events this month:	674	2,480.00

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

DEC'S: WD8PNZ, KA8VBR, KE8FMJ, W8HFZ, W8DBL, KC8ITN, N8SUZ, AA8BN, KC8NZJ. EC'S: AD8AK, KD8IZU W8CEN, KC8PBU, N8NSD, KD8KIR, N8ADO, N8GJK, WA1EIB, KA5RUC, NJ8BB, KA8RVI, WF8B, KC8EGV, KA8OAD, W8DLB, K8MDA, KE8JNH, AF8RJ, KE8CVP, N8PVC, KD8WHQ, N8CJ, N8ME, KE8ECT, KE8OTQ, N8SUZ, KB8OTU, KD8GSP, KB8IIH, KD8JXP, AA8BN, WD8SDH, W8PAB, KD8OSI, KE8JNN, W8DEC, N8ONI, WB8ZGH, K8ALG, K8MD

Activity Details:

District 1: WD8PNZ, DEC: Northwest Ohio ARES Traffic and Training Net had 264 checkins passed 99 pieces of traffic in 488 minutes in 30 sessions.

District 2: KA8VBR, DEC: No Comment

District 3: KE8FMJ, DEC: Champaign Co. No Report, Clark Co. No Comment, Darke Co. No Comment, Greene Co. November was less busy than the previous months, but we stayed busy with the usual nets and in-person meetings. We concluded the license upgrade classes and finished with a VE test session with an excellent passing rate. Our last expected event for the year, the Mid East Cross Country Challenge, was supported. Planning has started for 2024. Logan Co. No Comment, Miami Co. Nets, 11/5/2023 11/12/2023 11/19/2023 11/26/2023, Sunday Digital Net 0 0 0 0

Sunday Voice Net 21 29 22 18 21 29 22 18 90, 11/2/2023 11/9/2023 11/16/2023 11/23/2023 11/30/2023

Thursday Net 11 0 6 NO NET 11 28, Total Net Hours 118, Training: RACES meeting 9 18, MCARC meeting 13 19.5

Total Training Hours 37.5. Montgomery Co. MoCo ARES held its SET on November 4th. It was a combined exercise with German Twp CERT. The exercise was for a search and rescue of a lost person in the Germantown Metro Park. MoCo ARES provided personnel and communications using APRS Trackers for the victim and search teams. Two search evolutions were done that morning. MoCo ARES Planning Meeting was held on 11/28. Had a total of 126 participants for the month. Preble Co. The Move of the EMA/ARES radio room across the building has started. ARES met with county engineers to plan installation of upgraded power outlets and grounding system. Once that work is done, the move and re-installation including all coaxes and feedlines will begin. In addition, Preble ARES will be moving the EMA MARCS radios to the new radio room, saving the county the cost of two-way radio shop fees. Preble ARES EC has participated in county planning meetings for the upcoming solar eclipse. A report was made on what ARES can help and was discussed among the sheriff's department. The EMA director has indicated that there will be a budget available in 2024 to install upgraded dual band radio (fusion capable). Further planning and discussions will take place after the new year. Shelby Co. No Comment.

District 4: N8TFD, DEC: No Report Received

District 5: W8HFZ, DEC: Columbiana Co. No Report, Mahoning Co. No Report, Stark Co. No Report, Summit Co. No Comment, Trumbull Co. No Report

District 6: W8DBL, DEC: No Comment

District 7: KC8ITN, DEC: FRANKLIN COUNTY: Planning is underway for spring events as we also work on communication systems and training. 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. There were a lot of OTA hours this month with several operators recording hours on FT8 and one particular operator spending BIC time contesting. With VOTA winding down the EC has been using the time to operate as much as possible with FT8 to make contacts, build his VOTA points and improve skills with FT8, What an amazing package to be able to pull out weak signals from the noise. As we move into the winter season, the ARES emphasis will shift toward ARES training opportunities using ARRL and FEMA online training courses. 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. Hope everyone has a safe and blessed Christmas....remember in this world of craziness, God sent His only Son, to pay

a price for us, that nobody else could pay, to save us from our sins. To this I say, Thank You Jesus. 73 - Alan - N8CJ KNOX COUNTY: The month was a slow month with not many things going on. Partly due to the change of EC and me needing to get up to speed. MARION COUNTY: We monitored the voting polls again this November. No problems. Still working with our EMA planning for the solar eclipse. FAIRFIELD COUNTY: Provided Emergency Communications for Lancaster Holiday Parade.

District 8: N8SUZ, DEC: Counties reporting: Athens, Hocking, Jackson, Scioto EC comments: Athens: Supported Bobcat Trail Marathon. SCARFfest Sunday, January 14, 2024 Shade Community Center. VE Session 10 AM. ACARA Technician license classes begin Monday, January 15, 2024 DEC comments: Plans are to operate Winter Field Day from the upgraded Athens Red Cross Jim Crouse, KC8OVB Memorial Station

District 9: AA8BN, DEC: District 9 comments: District 2m voice net each Saturday.... KL7RF continues with winlink exercises twice a month encouraging replies on winlink.....aa8bn encouraging district traffic using packet radio addressed to aa8bns packet address in D9 twice a month. . Non digital stations are to pass traffic to a packet station in district, which is sent on to DEC.... Aa8bn DEC D9..... Belmont Comments.. None, report submitted.. KD8JXP EC... Coshocton Comments: LEPC meeting attended..... Digital and voice nets each week..... Winlink and D9 packet radio participation..... Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association had a month long display at the COSHOCTON County District Library. Included in the display was information about ARES and Skywarn..... AA8BN EC..... Guernsey Comments: Meeting with the county EMA director. Working on up grading the radio in the EOC. Assited with the annual Christmas parade.... WD8SDH. EC... Jefferson Comments: 1. Fldigi and message handling training continues once every week. 2. Preparations are being made for communications and staging of the Steubenville Christmas Parade. 3. See attached report of how many of our ARES members are spending their time with amateur radio.... W8PAB EC... Monroe Comments none, no report. W8VYR EC Noble Comments: none. Report submitted. KD8OSI EC.... Tuscarawas Comments none,. Report submitted... KE8JNN. EC...

District 10: KC8NZJ, DEC: Ashtabula: KE8JW - (no comments) ===== Cuyahoga: K8SAS - End of year personal hours submitted. ===== Geauga: AD8G - November is not a busy month for GEARS. We have no public service events, and we do not meet in November (or December, for that matter). ===== Lake: KB8BKE - (no comments) ===== Lorain: KC8CAD - Election, ongoing simplex training, working on plan to improve volunteer efforts. ===== Medina: K8MD - Continue to support food bank food distributions at the request of the EMA. November was the Largest food distribution on record for the county food bank.

Administrative and Other Comments:

Ohio Section has been busy with upcoming holiday festivaties and activaties. Planning meetings for December and 2024 events and exercises continues. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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