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Form 4 - ARES Monthly SEC Report

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Success! The following information was submitted by Bret Stemen, KD8SCL, OH SEC for **Ohio, December, 2023.**

Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section: 79
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month: 43

Data:

	ARESMem	MemDif	Nets	Nets/NTS	Participants	Exercises		Training		PubService		ComService		Emergencies		SKYWARN	
						Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs	Num	Hrs
Totals	1443	-32	683	75	13644	474	2,716.00	1157	5,914.00	44	728.00	25	365.00	4	165.00	2	94.00

Call signs of DECs reporting:

DEC'S: WD8PNZ, KE8FMJ, W8DBL, KC8ITN, N8SUZ, AA8BN, KC8NZJ, EC'S: KD8IZU, W8CEN, KD8GSI, KC8PBU, KD8KIR, N8ADO, N8GJK, KA5RUC, KA8RVI, KC8EGV, KE8IDH, W8DLB, K8MDA, KE8JNH, AF8RJ, N8PVC, KI8N, N8CJ, N8ME, KE8ECT, KE8OTQ, N8SUZ, KB8OTU, KD8GSP, KB8IHH, KD8JXP, AA8BN, WD8SDH, W8PAB, KD8OSI, KE8JNN, W8DEC, K8CVM, N8ONI, WB8ZGH, K8ALG, K8MD

Activity Details:

District 1: WD8PNZ, DEC: Seneca County, December was another active month for Seneca County ARES. Good ham turnout on the events. Looking forward to 2024. Lots of activities in the works. See ya next month. Huron County, No Report. Sandusky County, No Mtg for December for members to spend time with family members Add 8 hrs for admin hours for AEC duties. Hancock County, No Comment. Wood County, EC attended state SIEC meeting, radio shop meeting, and radio tradeshow at State Fire Marshall's Office in Columbus. EC participating in Ohio Region 1 TICP meetings with WC EMA director to ensure amateur radio is properly represented. Continued meetings and discussion with WC EMA for upcoming eclipse. Working with WC Fire Chief's Association to discuss eclipse planning. AREDN system had a setback from a surge that damaged multiple components but repairs are ongoing and progressing. System is expected to be fully restored and active by the eclipse. AREDN equipment at WC EOC to be updated. DMR repeater has been restored to Brandmeister. EC is preparing to deploy a temporary high profile VHF amateur repeater for eclipse operations with WC EMA and WC Sheriff's Office. Radios are being set-up and duplexers tuned to prepare for testing. This will be an ARES regional asset for D1. Beginning full re-alignment of primary county ARES repeater and all voting receive sites. Working with WCARC to deploy two HF antennas at county courthouse roof to EOC for emergency operations. Special emphasis is being placed to reach state EOC. Working with WC EMA on EOC exercise next month. ARES will be represented and deployed as requested. Lucas County, No Comment. Ottawa County, We continue to try to innovate and grow as a team. Wyandot County, No Report. Hardin County, No Report.

District 2: KA8VBR, DEC: No Report Received

District 3: KE8FMJ, DEC: Greene - December was a relatively slow month for Greene County hams. Most of the regular nets were held, but many of the regular club meetings were social in nature due to the holiday season. _____ Montgomery --- Very little activity for the month of December due to the holidays. Had a total of 112 participants in the various nets through out he month. _____ DEC - I had very few counties able to report in this month. I am late because I was trying to get them. I went with what I had and member totals from last month. Thanks.

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: Slow month due to the holidays, end of month meetings were cancelled. FRANKLIN COUNTY: We had a medical briefing and training session for the upcoming Arnold Sports Festival scheduled for February 29th through March 3rd 2024. Set up begins a day early on Wednesday. Scheduling for the remainder of 2024 is underway. FCOHARES is also meeting with GMRS operators monthly as we work them into communication with the EMA. 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. We added a new member to Licking County ARES this month. K5BUX, David Smalley requested membership as a Licking County ARES member in December, 2023. David has MARS experience and he has completed his NIMS training for MARS certification. Welcome David. There were a lot of OTA hours this month with several operators recording hours on FT8/FT4 to finish out the ARRL VOTA event. As we move into the winter season, the ARES emphasis will shift toward ARES training opportunities using ARRL and FEMA online training courses. We have less than 90days now until the Solar Eclipse and efforts will begin to intensify for supporting the needs of our local EMA Director. 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. Thanks to our SEC, all the DECs and ADECs for their efforts throughout 2023. Happy New Year and I hope everyone has a very blessed 2024. DELAWARE COUNTY: Submitted operational plan to EOC for Solar Eclipse. KNOX COUNTY: With all of the holidays not a lot was happening. MARION COUNTY: We have 3 Operators taking ICS 300 and 400 the others have 100 200 700 800

District 8: N8SUZ, DEC: Counties reporting: Athens, Hocking, Jackson, Scioto EC comments: Athens: SCARF hamfest at Shade Community Center, Sunday, January 14, 2024, 8 AM to noon. ARRL VE session 10 AM ACARA Technician License Classes begin Monday, January 15, 2024 at Athens Red Cross, 7 to 9 PM.for 10 weeks. Hocking: December 3 we assisted Logan Chamber of Commerce set up the Logan Christmas Parade. We had 8 operators working for 5 hours. DEC comments: ACARA will be operating Winter Field Day from the Athens Red Cross KC8OVV Memorial Station.

District 9: AA8BN, DEC: District 9 Comments: thanks to all ARES in District 9 for your continued service..... If you have a chance , please check into District 9 weekly 2m net on the 146.85 Guernsey county repeater each Saturday at 10am..... Looking for more D9 participates In the D9 packet network with the second and fourth Sunday winlink and packet radio network exercise. Every county needs at least one packet capable station in the D9 network. Questions contact AA8BN..... Preparing for Jan 20 simplex. AA8BN DEC..... Belmont Comments: A thanks to the Belmont County EMA for paying for a new Repeater Antenna and coax as well as the climber to install the antenna at 200 feet. The EMA also purchased a new 100 watt amp. We are still playing and testing but so far it has GREATLY increased our coverage....KD8JXP. EC.... Coshocton Comments: KE8WIP , conducts a weekly digital net. Using fldigi suite. Thanks for

many years of service as net mgr , net control..... Digital packet group participates in twice a month exercise with packet radio in D9 and thanks KL7RF, for winlink practice twice a month traffic to district 9 winlink users..... Waiting for Jan 20 simplex event..... Coshocton ARES, Thanks for your participation in Coshocton County ARES... AA8BN EC..... Guernsey Comments: Work continues on developing the D9 packet with in the county... WD8SDH EC... Jefferson Comments: 1. Jefferson County ARES handled the staging and communications for the Steubenville Christmas Parade of over 75 units. 2. Fldigi and message handling training continues once every week. 3. 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 submitted. KD8OSI EC Tuscarawas Comments:. No report.. KE8JNN EC...

District 10: KC8NZJ, DEC: Planning for the conference is continuing and information and registration can be found at www.n8esg.org/conference, Lake Co, No Comment, Medina Co. No Comment, Geauga Co. We don't meet or run nets during December. Happy holidays. Lorain Co, Training Simplex operations. Cuyahoga Co. Nets totaled with members extra hours outside N8ESG. Emergency Activation - NWS SkyWarn Recognition Day.

Administrative and Other Comments:

SEC: I have been involed with OEMA planning meetings for the upcoming Solar Eclipse. We are planning on opening up the SARGE that day. Several counties through out the state are meeting with their EMA directors and planning for the upcoming eclipse. Looking forward to see what 2024 brings.