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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, February, 2024.**

Total number of ARES members:	1,270
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	49
Total number of DECs/ECs in section:	79
Number of ARES net sessions held:	522
Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	319
Number of participants in nets:	3,305

	Number	Person-Hrs
Exercises this month:	91	827.00
Training events this month:	215	2,216.50
Public service events this month:	14	251.00
Community service events this month:	15	243.00
Emergency events this month:	9	66.00
SKYWARN events this month:	18	257.50
Meetings this month:	124	2,078.00
Unclassified events this month:	132	3,964.90

Call signs of DECs reporting:

AA8BN, AD8G, AF8RJ, K8CVM, K8MD, KA5RUC, KA8OAD, KA8OCG, KA8VBR, KB8BKE, KB8IIH, KB8OTU, KC8CAD, KC8EGV, KC8NZJ, KC8PBU, KD8GSP, KD8JXP, KD8KIR, KD8TLD, KE8ANU, KE8IDH, KE8JNH, KE8JNN, KE8OTQ, KE8TBX, KG6DI, N8ADO, N8CJ, N8ME, N8OXQ, N8PVC, N8SUZ, W8CEN, W8DLB, W8PAB, W8VHS, WA1EIB, WD8PNZ, WD8SDH, WF8B, KD8JBS, W8HFZ, KE8ECT, AD8AK

Activity Details:

ASHTABULA COUNTY-----

Weekly ARES net with training and participation in simplex operations

ATHENS-----

Weekly nets 2 m/70 cm (one day analog, one day System Fusion), 10 m, 6 M. Monthly 2 m simplex emergency comm test.

BELMONT COUNTY-----

held 4 nets

CLARK COUNTY-----

Clark County Wx Net call to order at 4:42 AM, 2/28/24. There was 10 check-ins. K8SYU was assigned to liaison with Dayton Skywarn and K8KVN was assigned the alternate due to power being lost across the county. We had reports of a 32 MPH wind and some trees down. We had no stations in the effected areas. The storm moved fast across the county. Skywarn released Clark County at 5:59 AM and the net was closed at 6:00 AM.

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Skywarn nets, club meeting, EMA meeting, Pota operations

COSHOCTON-----

Participation in twice a month D9 Winlink 'net' checkin and vhf D9 network packet Radio trainings using outpost pmm. A Winlink hf and vhf p2p starting Mondays. Questions email aa8bn@arrl.net

COUNTY-----

Our County EMA Director came to our club meeting and asked for our help during the upcoming solar event.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----

ARRL Form 2 Zoom meeting
D10 Conference
CCARES Board. Meeting
Comm Trailer work party unclassified event
NOTE: Member list purged of inactive members

DARKE-----

We held our normal Monday night net

DEC SIX-----

WEEKLY NETS
MEETINGS

DELAWARE CO.-----

Exercises: Monday informal net, ARRL-EX, SSB Contest
Training: Monday Informal Net, Zoom Net
Public: The Arnold
Skywarn:
Meeting: ARES meeting, Delara Club

DISTRICT 1-----

Form above not inclusive

DISTRICT 10-----

Had a very successful D10 conference with approximately 75 people in attendance. All positive reviews. We plan to do one again in 2026. Several counties have been activated for the eclipse. (Lorain, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake). Those plans range everywhere from a person in the EOC only, to deploying people across the county. Planning continues with served agencies.

DISTRICT 2-----

I Ran 4 Williams Co. ARES/SKYWARN nets each lasting about 15mins each.

DISTRICT 8-----

Participated in weekly Athens 2 m/70 cm analog and Fusion nets plus monthly 2 m simplex emergency test.

DISTRICT 9 DEC-----

No comment

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

Lots of activity revolved around the Arnold Sports Festival coming up March 1-3. Time for the ASF will be reported in March even though some occurred in late February.

GEAUGA-----

Ohio Winter Rally - our first public service event of the season.

GREENE COUNTY-----

Activities include License Classes, Many nets (Voice, digital, Winlink), Club meetings, Hamvention Planning, Setting up an AUXCOMM class, preparing for Community Service (Xenia Marathon, Young's Bike Ride, Air Force Marathon, Queen City Triathlon, Tour de Gem bike ride, more to come.), Preparation for Emergency Communications support for possible consequences of the Total Eclipse in April.

GUERSNEY-----

Working on new EOC radio and computer. Programming the radio and loading software on the computer. Configuring the work area and set up.

HAMILTON-----

Traffic Net: TATN; Winlink Wed's

HOCKING COUNTY OHIO-----

Addition of 4 new ARES members, Four Weekly Net sessions. One monthly meeting with training. One radio night with ARES training, updated our Emergency Response Plan, Call in Tree and list of active ARES members in Hocking County. Also appointed two new Assistant ARES Coordinators for our county.

JACKSON-----

Monthly meeting and making plans for training

JEFFERSON COUNTY-----

1. Fldigi and message handling training continues once every week. 2. Exercise: ARES members setup and operated in 2ft of snow and made contacts across the nation. 3. Unclassified Events:

ARES members did self-training, Station Maintenance, Admin Time, and Non-Ares Operations.

LAKE-----

Voice nets

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. During the month OTA hours included time for several contesting and POTA. Other activities included an Exam Preparation Class, Winter Run Support and we had one severe weather net for a tornado warning and damage assessment support in the county (confirmed EF-2).

LORAIN-----

Weekly operation of nets, train net controls.

LUCAS-----

INCLUDES ARES in BRIEF NETS, FLDIGI NETS, SIREN NET, and READINESS DRILL/NET

MADISON COUNTY, OHIO-----

Nothing

MEDINA COUNTY-----

Medina County Communications Unit Digital net uses MT63-2000L and other modes. Medina County Amateur Radio Club Net, Net Control is an ARES member

MEIGS COUNTY-----

Weekly county net

MIAMI COUNTY-----

Standard Emergency Services nets for ARES/RACES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

Net participation includes voice, digital (FLDIGI) and Winlink nets.

NOBLE-----

I made a request to Noble co. EMA Office for some possible grant money to improve conditions and equipment upgrades for the NC8OH and N2LC repeaters in the county. The office is searching for what may be made available to us.

OTTAWA COUNTY-----

We gained one new amateur radio operator. KF8AEW received his general class license and joined our group.

PICKAWAY-----

Held a successful ISC message handling drill on 2024-02-05. Participated in joint training with the Pickaway County CERT team on 2024-02-24, thank you to the Pickaway County EMA for arranging the training.

RICHLAND COUNTY-----

ARES NETS WEEKLY

SANDUSKY-----

4 Weekly Traffic Nets
1 outdoor Siren Net
1 Hospital Radio Net

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

Weekly Scioto County ARES voice net (Mondays 7:00pm 145.450 PL 114.8)

SENECA COUNTY-----

SENECA COUNTY ARES NET, SIREN NET, NORC-HF, NCOITN ARE OUR NETS ON A REGULAR BASIS
ARES METINGS, SENECA RADIO CLUB MEETING

STARK CO-----

1 weekly skywarn net and we also hold 9 other club nets for our 3 Stark county Clubs.

SUMMIT-----

Weekly training nets digital and phone

TUSCARAWAS-----

- 1. EC held a meeting with ARES members to discuss changes, forms, logging hours, etc.
- 2.4 (Four) weekly net sessions were held with a total of 50 participants checking in, giving info, etc..

UNION COUNTY-----

TWO MEMBERS WENT TO THE ARES CONFERENCE IN DISTRICT 10, LEAVING AT 5AM AND GETTING BACK AT 8:30PM. WE HAD 3 REPEATER NETS AND 3 2M SIMPLEX DIGINETS THIS MONTH WITH AROUND 10 CHECKINS FOR EACH NET. WE HAD 5 PEOPLE OPERATE IN THE 160M CQ WORLD WIDE CONTEST FROM THE UNION COUNTY EMA STATION IN THE MULTI-OPERATOR HIGH POWER STATION CLASS. WE USED THE 160M LOOP ANTENNA, A BEVERAGE ON THE GROUND RECIEVE ANTENNA, ALONG WITH A LEGAL LIMIT AMPLIFIER. WE LOGGED 300 CONTACTS. I PARTICPATED IN AN ECLIPSE PLANNING MEETING/TABLETOP EXCERCISE WITH THE UNION COUNTY EMA AND TWO OF US ATTENDED THE ARES MEETING IN MARION COUNTY ABOUT ECLIPSE PLANNING.

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Daily nets with Weekly digital message practice.

WILLIAMS COUNTY OHIO DISTRICT 2-----

The ARES Net sessions and participants are blank because Beau Zuver KA8VBR wll include this data in his report to you

D5 DEC-----

Weekly nets.

D7-----

Preparing for primary election and solar eclipse

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Held regular nets to practice operating skills

Administrative and Other Comments:

SEC: We are gearing up for the Solar Eclipse in April. Ohio has had several Severe Weather event happen which included several tornados that touched down through out the State of Ohio.

ASHTABULA COUNTY-----

Seven members attended the Division 10 ARES conference in place of the February monthly meeting.

ATHENS-----

Conclusion of Tech license class VE session Monday, March 18,2024. PS events in April: 6th Iron Furnace Trail Run, 14th Athens Marathon, 27th, Race for a Reason. ACARA Athens Hamfest Sunday, April 28 8 AM with VE session 10 AM.

District and Hocking County on standby during AT&T Cellphone outage.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----

ARRL Form 2 meeting, the one held with Brett.

D10 conference had 75 attendies. Was very well received.

Feb ARES meeting had 18 attendies With a presentation on NTS 2.0

Feb ARES board meeting was for purging memberlist

Trailer Sunday – 7 members helped with the construction of the ARES/ESG COMMS Trailer.

Ongoing Trailer build happening daily.

DEC SIX-----

HAD WEEKLY NETS TRAINING

DISTRICT 1-----

Form 2 still not working correctly. Add 32 hours for DEC/ADEC

DISTRICT 10-----

ARES conference hours all counted on Cuyahoga report.

DISTRICT 2-----

I participated in a simplex propagation test in Williams County. They were trying to work know areas in the county that have dead spots. We found that there are some areas that are not as bad as what they thought and some that are worse. There will be another test like these in the near future. I am currently working with getting all my county EC's information updated and added to my files. I've gotten a few replies and greatly appreciate it. I've been working very close with the club in Williams Co. as they have shown a very strong interests in growing their ARES and training for emergency operations. With all that being said, there is still alot to be done in District 2 but I feel this year will be the year of growing as a group!

DISTRICT 8-----

Assisted or taught with Tech license classes. On standby with Hocking County for AT&T cellphone outage. ACARA monthly meeting

GREENE COUNTY-----

Unclassified includes planning events: Setting up AUXCOMM class, Hamvention preparations,

Preparing for License Classes, Preparing for Marathon support, Planning support for Young's Ride. Two Greene members are in process of Taskbook activities for AUX-C.

HAMILTON-----

We are working with the membership on how we can classify our time better to reflect our activities in 2024. Many of us spend most of our time in administrative duties. In the past, there was no way to record that time. We'll start using the "unclassified events" category starting in March.

HOCKING COUNTY OHIO-----

Emergency event, we were placed on "standby status" at 10:00 am by our County EMA on February 22 when most cell services and 911 centers lost communications for an unknown reason. We were notified to "stand down" at 2:05 pm. We did not respond to any locations.

LICKING COUNTY-----

This month's points of emphasis included: Communication support for the February Winter Run event and planning for the April Solar Eclipse.

LORAIN-----

working with ARES members to address conflicts with work/life and commitments to training and events.

LUCAS-----

COMMUNITY SERVICE = LUCAS COUNTY TORNADO SIREN TEST. UNCLASSIFIED IS ADMIN WORK BY THE EC,PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER.

MEDINA COUNTY-----

Medina County ARES continues to support county food bank distributions at the request of the EMA.

MIAMI COUNTY-----

Held Tech in a Day class - three new licensed Hams!
PDF Printout available upon request

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

There were two meeting held in February 2/2 & 2/22 with our served agencies to discuss the upcoming total solar eclipse in April. Dayton Skywarn was activated on 2/27 for Tornado Watch and subsequent confirmed Tornados in their area of responsibility. MoCo ARES held its General Meeting on 2/27 and the topic was the preparation for the upcoming solar eclipse in April.

NOBLE-----

Many of these hours constitutes the time AEC Lee N2LC contributes to Blackswan Net, NTS Net, CW Slow Net among other activities.

OTTAWA COUNTY-----

This has been a busy month. We gained one more member. Starting on 2/11/2024, we started nightly radio check-ins. Due to the climate in our world today, we thought it would be wise to start nightly nets at 2000 hours to pass any crucial information affecting our county as well as test equipment, test ranges, test other means of communications. This has been a wonderful way to help keep our people active. We all look forward to the nightly check-in. A member also put up

a new, fairly high-profile GMRS repeater in the county. Most of our members have their GMRS license as well, so this provides another means of communication in our county. We had the threat of severe weather late in the month. This allowed us to review our updated ICS 217, test different repeaters, and our Zello channels. We reached out on social media to all schools, police departments, fire/ ems departments to see if there would be interest in them listening to our Skywarn nets during severe weather. Waiting on responses. We will begin monthly meetings/ breakfast engagements starting this coming weekend. Two people- non-hams- are coming to this first meeting to see what it's all about and possibly join our team. Seeing where Ottawa County was several years ago, and seeing how far we have come makes me swell with pride. We are doing great things in the area! We are active!!!

RICHLAND COUNTY-----
HAD ONE SKYWARN NET RICHLAND COUNTY ARES MEETING

SANDUSKY-----
6 hours of admin hrs for AEC's

STARK CO-----
Planning with ema for solar eclipse operations as well as our skywarn training and state tornado drill. We updated our new WD8AYE.NET ARES website

SUMMIT-----
N/A

TUSCARAWAS-----
Tusc Co ARES member meeting to discuss new forms, activations, upcoming events, etc..
Members researching radio effectiveness to different areas, packet, winlink, radio communications, digital access, repeater issues and extendability. In all, members combined total hours this month is 280.
Copy of this report sent to DEC AA8BN Steve Wheatcraft

WAYNE COUNTY-----
Presentation to Wooster Rotary Club. Weekly lunch with members and EMA director. Served on the Wayne County Preparedness coalition.

WILLIAMS COUNTY OHIO DISTRICT 2-----
at our February Club meeting an hour training was held pertaining to NTS message handling

D5 DEC-----
Summit and Stark Counties ARES groups are busy preparing for the upcoming solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. Stark County holds a weekly Skywarn net. Summit County held weekly training nets for digital and phone.

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