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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, March, 2024**.

Total number of ARES members:	1,289
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	48
Total number of DECs in section:	79
Number of ARES nets active:	694
Number of nets with NTS liaison:	507
Number of participants in nets:	4,212

	Number	Person-Hrs
Exercises this month:	27	300.9
Training events this month:	216	1954.7
Public service events this month:	45	353.0
Community service events this month:	12	1358.5
Emergency events this month:	12	263.0
SKYWARN events this month:	49	1542.0
Meetings this month:	159	3085.3
Unclassified events this month:	211	1848.0

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

AA8BN, AD8AK, AD8G, AF8RJ, AK8DF, K8CVM, K8MD, K8MDA, KA5RUC, KA8OAD, KA8OCG, KB8BKE, KB8IIH, KB8IUO, KC8CAD, KC8EGV, KC8NZJ, KC8PBU, KD8GSP, KD8JBS, KD8JXP, KD8KIR, KD8TLD, KD8WHQ, KE8DRR, KE8IDH, KE8JNH, KE8JNN, KE8OTQ, KG6DI, N8ADO, N8CJ, N8ME, N8OXQ, N8PVC, N8SUZ, W8CEN, W8DLB, W8PAB, W8VHS, WA1EIB, WB8YHD, WD8SDH, WF8B

Activity Details:

ASHTABULA COUNTY, OH-----

Practiced proper NET etiquette as well as training on how to be an effective NCS. Training

provided by Matt (W8DEC) on emergency generator safety.

ATHENS-----
Weekly VHF/UHF Fusion/analog repeater nets by ACARA, SCARF and VCARA. Weekly 6 m and 10 M by ACARA. Monthly simples VHF net by ACARA.

BELMONT COUNTY-----
Training nets

CLARK COUNTY-----
Wx Net has been active during Skywarn request.

CLINTON COUNTY-----
Tech class, Pota, Exam session, LPFM station planning, training

COSHOCTON-----
Lepc attended by kE8WIP... Statewide Ohio Tornado drill Mar 20. Ares, Skywarn net brought up with 9 participants. Reports from each of siren heard of not, location. Retort submitted to Coshocton county EMA and Coshocton co Sheriff dept.

COUNTY-----
ARES net first Monday evening every month

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----
COMMS Trailer Construction continues.
Preperations for the 2024 Eclipse with the City of Cleveland and the Cuyahoga County EMA's has continued.

DARKE-----
nets as usual total of 10 man hrs

DEC SIX-----
DISTRICT NETS AND SKYWARN NETS

DEFIANCE CO D2-----
Had some severe weather this month with Skywarn being activated. Skywarn training is in progress with the local NWS. Getting ready for the eclipse.

DELAWARE CO.-----
General nets and digital training

DISTRICT 10-----
Counties continuing preparations for eclipse support on April 8th.

DISTRICT 8-----
No district activity to report.

DISTRICT 9-----
District 9 nets each Saturday at 10am on 146.85 Guernsey co repeater. ... D9 packet radio network 'nets' 2nd and 4th Sunday de aa8bn..... 2nd and 4th Sunday Winlink de KL7RF and

Monday hf p2p and vhf p2p using d9 network de WD8SAB....
info contact aa8bn@arrl.net ,AA8BN DEC D9

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

The Arnold Sports Festival at the Greater Columbus Convention Center consumed much of our time this month. Activities in some form took place over 5 days. Time was spent in setup and tear down. A review from participants provided insight into improvements for next year.

GEAUGA-----

Status quo for March, but we did have a meeting with our EMA to plan for the eclipse.

GREENE COUNTY-----

License upgrade classes continue. Skywarn activations and spotter training. VE test session. ARES in-person meeting preparing for the eclipse.Preparations for the Xenia Marathon. Committee work for Hamvention. Regular club meetings. Staying busy in Greene County.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

Spent an hour talking to DEC reference D9 digital. Participated in D9 Monday VARA HF net. Sent one and received one. Tornado Siren test net. Had 10 checks ins. Five WX reports, and field Situation reports along with reports on sirens heard.

HAMILTON COUNTY-----

Cleaning up membership lists; Reorganizing AECs and responsibilities; Released new draft operations guidelines; Continued strong relationship with served agencies.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

5 net sessions including Skywarn

HURON COUNTY-----

Members participated in fox hunt

JACKSON-----

working on plans for county exercise

JEFFERSON COUNTY-----

1. Exercises: Winlink P2P Communication Exercise. 2. Training: Fldigi and message handling training every week plus individual training by ARES members. 3. Community Service: Provide communications for a 5K race. 4. Meetings: Two for the month. 5. Unclassified: Station Maintenance, Admin Time and Non-ARES Operattions.

KNOX COUNTY-----

Planning for the Eclipse

LAKE-----

Net

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 contesting and POTA. Other activities included an ARES Conference Planning and Communications Trailer Support. We had two severe weather nets for a tornado warning (Confirmed EF0) and a thunderstorm warning.

LORAIN-----
weekly training net, simplex net. looking for replacement for nts . new training plan for ares members.

LUCAS-----
This encompasses FLDIGI, Ares in brief Lucas County Tornado Siren test, the statewide tornado drill, Skywarn net, and the National Traffic System

MADISON COUNTY-----
Nothing

MAHONING COUNTY-----
2 ARES Nets for the Month on the first and third Mondays of the month.

MEDINA CO-----
Skywarn Training for entire county held during regularly scheduled monthly meeting. 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-----
Nothing to report.

MIAMI COUNTY-----
No net on Thursday, March 10...because there were REAL tornadoes!!!

MONTGOMERY-----
Net participation includes voice, digital (FLDIGI) and Winlink nets. Total of 26.5 Person hours,

MORROW COUNTY-----
Breakfast/Meeting

NOBLE COUNTY-----
NWS Issued a few warnings this month. Monitored situations and transmitted information on local repeaters.

OTTAWA-----
Up 2 members.

PICKAWAY-----
Normal group operations.

RICHLAND COUNTY-----
WEEKLY ARES NETS
TWO SKYWARN NETS

SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO-----

4 Weekly Traffic/Local Nets
1 Siren Net
1 Hospital Net

SCIOTO COUNTY-----
Weekly scioto County ARES voice net

SENECA COUNTY-----
SENECA COUNTY ARES NET, SIREN NET, NORC-HF, NCOITN, OUR NETS PLUSS ARES MEETINGS, ECLIPSE PLANNING, SENECA RADIO CLUB MEETINGS, ST PADDY'S DAY 5K

STARK CO-----
We held a skywarn class at Jackson Highschool with 90 people. ICS classes were also held at our EOC covering 100,200,700 and 800 getting many hams certified. Activated skywarn net on 3-14-24 as well as participated in statewide tornado drill on 3-20-24

SUMMIT-----
Monthly 2 hour meeting with 13 attendees

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY-----
A total of 4 weekly ARES nets were held in March. 6 new members joined Tusc. Co. ARES team in March.

WAYNE COUNTY-----
Net sessions remain strong with both VHF and UHF digital.

WILLIAMS COUNTY OHIO DISTRICT 2-----
A Skywarn net was called on 3-26-24 for a total of 1 hour due to a severe Thunderstorm Warning that affected Western Williams County We had a total of 7 check-ins for a total of 1 hour

Administrative and Other Comments:

SEC: What a busy month, a lot of activity going on in the section with planning meetings for the solar eclipse with local and state EMA offices. The Ohio EMA will in full activation mode as well as local EMA's. Looking forward to see what April brings with the eclipse and hamfests through out the section.

ATHENS-----
Upcoming Events: Apr 6 - Iron Furnace Trail Run at Lake Hope State Park, Apr 8 Eclipse coverage Red Cross, Apr 14 - Athens Marathon, April 27 - Race for a Reason Athens, Apr 28 - ACARA Athens Hamfest at Athens Community Center, 8 AM to noon. VE session 10 AM.

BELMONT COUNTY-----
Training nets

CLARK COUNTY-----
Clark Co. Severe Weather Net active on 14 March 2024.

CLINTON COUNTY-----
none

COUNTY-----

Seven of our members attended Skywarn Spotter Training this month.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----

Several meetings with the managers and personal at the City and County EMAs and several other organizations concerning the April 8th Eclipse of the Sun took place with final preparation taking place in April.

DEC SIX-----

HAD TO SKYWARN EVENTS ONE WITH TORNADO
MONTHLY DISTRICT SIX MEETING AT DENNYS

DEFIANCE CO D2-----

None

DELAWARE CO.-----

Prep for eclipse, keeping equipment up to date, general meetings

DISTRICT 8-----

Apr 21 ACARA plans tape measure Yagi and folding copper cactus J-pole builds.

GREENE COUNTY-----

A lot of planning hours spent preparing for possible deployment in support of local agencies during the eclipse.

HAMILTON COUNTY-----

Skywarn activation; Cincy FD standby ref comms concerns; Unclassified Admin hours.

KNOX COUNTY-----

We spent a lot of time this month planning for the eclipse, the club and the EMA office. We also were planning for NVIS day and Field Day.

LICKING COUNTY-----

This month's points of emphasis included: Planning for the April Solar Eclipse and preparations began for the Ohio ARES Conference. Our severe weather in Licking County has kicked off early this year and it is starting out with a significant increase in the number of tornadic events.

LORAIN-----

Lorain County is working to retrain repair the group from the ground up to better serve the county.

LUCAS-----

Unclassified includes, Eclipse prep, admin, maintenance

MAHONING COUNTY-----

3-3-2024 Mill Creek Distance Classic 12 operators 3.5 hrs = 42 person hours
3-9-2024 ARES Training Net Protocol 13 operators 2 hrs = 26 person hours
2 Club Nets 26 operators = 50 person hours

MEDINA CO-----

Medina County ARES continues to support the Medina County Food bank with it's monthly food distributions. This is an activation request from the County EMA each month.

MEIGS COUNTY-----

I included one emergency event this month to cover the preparation for providing support to Marion County for the eclipse. We were later informed that our help was not needed. I'm including this because of the value of the preparation. Item 15 is our participation in the LEPC meeting.

MIAMI COUNTY-----

The March 10 weather event produced two tornadoes in Miami County, but damage was minimal.

Worksheet available upon request.

MONTGOMERY-----

There were two meeting held in March 8th & 28th with our served agencies to discuss the upcoming total solar eclipse. Dayton Skywarn was activated on 3/14 for Severe Thunderstorm Watch and Tornado Watch. They also participated in the Indiana Statewide Drill on 3/12 and the Ohio Statewide Drill on 3/20. NWS Wilmington held their Basic Skywarn training for Montgomery County on 3/9. MoCo ARES held its Planning Meeting on 3/26.

OTTAWA-----

We continue to grow our numbers of members. We are up to 13 pretty active members. We have been in contact with the OCEMA about the eclipse coming up. An IAP was devised and distributed to members, the EMA, and DEC/ SEC. An ICS 205 was devised to accompany the IAP. We stand ready to assist served agencies for the eclipse. We had one surprise drill this month. The scenario was a grid down situation. We had members participate via radio and phone. We activated for severe weather awareness week- the day of the statewide tornado drill. We continue to hold weekly ARES radio nets and nightly radio check ins on the repeater to increase activity, engagement, and awareness.

RICHLAND COUNTY-----

WEEKLY ARES NETS

TWO SKYWARN NETS ONE WITH TORNADO (PLYMOUTH OHIO}

SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO-----

5 hrs. admin

STARK CO-----

Preparing for eclipse and monitoring weather in our area. Work close with our ema director. Massillon radio club is donating time at church to prepare new club HQ / shack location

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY-----

-2 members attended and completed the Auxcomm course held in Wayne Co.

-A drill during the Wed. Tornado siren event was held to determine the number of members and people that could and could not hear the active tornado sirens in their respective area(s). This information was documented.

-2 Weather Nets (Skywarn) were held during both severe weather events with members and others checking into the weather net to report ongoing weather in their area. This information and pictures taken of several flooded areas were also forwarded to NWS.

Cynthia Gray- KE8JNN EC Tusc Co

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Auxcomm training took place with five local members in the class that was hosted by Wayne County EMA.

WILLIAMS COUNTY OHIO DISTRICT 2-----

KA8VBR will send the ARES net data with his DEC report

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