



# ARES Field Reports

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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, October, 2025.**

Total number of ARES members:	1,393
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	45
Total number of DECs/ECs in section:	71
Number of ARES net sessions held:	709
Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	504
Number of participants in nets:	4,536

	Number	Person-Hrs
Exercises this month:	121	2,203.30
Training events this month:	255	1,774.80
Public service events this month:	72	628.50
Community service events this month:	61	1,327.30
Emergency events this month:	2	32.00
SKYWARN events this month:	32	145.50
Meetings this month:	349	3,479.30
Unclassified events this month:	779	3,826.00

### Call signs of DECs reporting:

AA8BN, AF8E, AF8RJ, K3ATL, K8CVM, K8MD, KA5RUC, KA8OAD, KA8OCG, KA8RVI, KB8BKE, KB8IIH, KC8CAD, KC8PBU, KD8JXP, KD8KIR, KD8TLD, KE8FHG, KE8IDH, KE8JNH, KE8JNN, KE8OOE, KE8OTQ, KE8WSO, KE8ZHS, KG6DI, N8ADO, N8CJ, N8ME, N8OXQ, N8PVC, W8DEC, W8DLB, W8HFZ, W8PAB, W8VHS, W8VYR, WB8YHD, WD8SDH, WF8B

### Activity Details:

ASHTABULA COUNTY-----  
 Training conducted on two weekly nets this month.

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## CLARK-----

Quarterly ARES Mtg Held this month.

## CLINTON COUNTY-----

Another slow month.

## COLUMBIANA-----

We had a CERT training exercise looking for a lost hiker CCARES provided Comms and APRS location information for the exercise.

## COSHOCTON-----

Coshocton SET with 7 members participating. Contacts with 4 different counties. Used d9 packet, winlink, fldigi, voice nets with traffic sent and received. County and District9 nets used. Simulated shelters and ngo during SET. OSSBN utilized as well. ..AA8BN EC

## CUYAHOGA COUNTY-----

Strides Against Cancer Walk - Comms  
 BSides CLE  
 Ohio ARES S.E.T.  
 Cert Training  
 LICW CW Training  
 Comms Trailer Improvements  
 N.E. Ohio Half Marathon - Lake Cty.  
 N.O.A.R.S. Fox Hunt  
 Meeting discussion on 2026 ideas

## DARKE-----

Nets

## DELAWARE-----

Fldigi net, community service, operating net, SET

## DISTRICT 5-----

Columbiana County held a CERT training exercise and provided comms and APRS for the exercise. Stark County assisted in prep time for the Massillon ARC Hamfest at the MAPS Museum.

## DISTRICT 9-----

District 9 SET active with 6 counties active. Athens co sent and received traffics from distict 9 as well. W8SGT was contacted traffic sent and received using winlink for the last mile after HF usable. SET Time frame 9am -1300hr. District 9 net used. District scenario had no hf early morning with HF resuming late morning. Early morning traffic was on voice and mostly on D9

packet network to and from District DEC who replied and fwd messages. Traffic was fwd to W8SGT mostly. SGT replied to DEC and District fwd , when needed,to D9 counties. All in all 30 packet messages sent and received and 60 winlink messages sent and received. Good exercise with lots learned at District. Thanks to D9 counties participating! Jefferson, Belmont, Tuscarawas, Guernsey, Coshocton, Noble..... AA8BN D9 DEC

DISTRICT SIX-----

WEEKLY NETS

S.E.T. WERE DONE BY A.R.E.S. MEMBERS AND ALL HAD A GREAT TIME WITH TRAINING SOME NEW AMATEURS.

NEW AMATEURS TRAINED SOME OF THE DIFFERENT MODES OF COMMUNICATION.

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

Columbus Marathon

GREENE COUNTY-----

Routine nets conducted by GCARES and local clubs. Regular in-person meeting of GCARES. Support for developmental and training nets for OHSDF. GCARES has three AUXCs as very active members. Support for District Cross Country Meet. Support for Fire Prevention Week Open House. Conducted SET exercise.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

SET was a success. Met all goals that were set in exercise plan. Packet operation from the EOC was accomplished for the first time.

HOCKING COUNTY-----

5-Weekly Club Traffic/ARES Repeater Nets; 1-Monthly Club Simplex Net; 4-Ohio DMR Net; 2-OHDEN; 2-Ohio EOC HF Net.

HOLMES CO.-----

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JEFFERSON-----

TRAINING: Message handling training every week, one in-person training session and individual training by members. - COMMUNITY SERVICE: Provided communications for a Lions Club Vision 5k walk & run. - UNCLASSIFIED: Station Maintenance, ARES Admin Time and Non-ARES Operating by individual members

KNOX COUNTY-----

Weekly Mass Communication exercise text and winlink

LAKE-----

Net

LICKING COUNTY-----

Our local ARES Net occurs on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Several of our members also participate in ARES and other club nets in surrounding counties. regular traffic nets, local club nets, weekly luncheons and various meetings. Two operators participated in POTA Roves during October. In addition to our regular club meetings and luncheons, the 2025 SET was completed using a flash drill style and planning for the Ohio ARES Conference progressed. We

continue to struggle with encouraging participation and involvement with all ARES members.

Increased time this month was spent on: Portable Operation Exercises, Tower Replacement Project and Repeater Maintenance.

LORAIN-----

Working with new members to complete ics.

LUCAS COUNTY-----

LUCAS COUNTY TORNADO SIREN TEST, ARES IN BRIEF NETS, FLDIGI NETS, NTS NETS, BOARD MEETING, GENERAL MEETING, AREDN MESH UPDATES

MADISON COUNTY-----

Weekly Nets, Monthly Meeting, Tabletop at EMA

MAHONING COUNTY-----

2 ARES Voice Nets, 2 ARES Winlink Nets

MEDINA CO-----

Monthly Meeting, Monthly Training, Monthly Digital net using FLdigi, food distribution for food bank

MEIGS COUNTY-----

none

MONROE COUNTY-----

Monroe County participated in the Simulated Emergency Test on Saturday October 4th. Simplex abilities were tested on VHF/UHF with surrounding Counties. We also participated on 40m phone.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

Net participation includes voice, digital (FLDIGI) and Winlink nets. Total of 37.1 person hours. Members participated in Community Service event on 10/4 - The Miamisburg Pumpkin Spice 5k. On 10/4, MoCo ARES conducted its annual SET. Scenario was river flooding. On 10/6 - Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management had a Teams Exercise.

MORROW COUNTY-----

Weekly meeting, and Sunday Net.

NOBLE-----

437 minutes on NTS

PAULDING-----

ARES net first Monday

PICKAWAY-----

Normal group net activity & monthly in-person meeting

RICHLAND CO.-----

WEEKLY NETS

SANDUSKY CO-----

1 Outdoor Siren Net  
1 Hospital Net  
4 Weekly Traffic Nets

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

WEEKLY ARES VOICE NET

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SENECA COUNTY-----

SENECA COUNTY ARES NET - MONTHLY HAM RADIO BREAKFAST - HALLOWEEN PARADE -  
SENECA RADIO CLUB

SHELBY CO-----

Southwest Regional CC, Dayton District CC, Mideast Challenge CC,

STARK CO-----

Prep time for Nov ham fest at Maps air museum. All monthly nets.

SUMMIT-----

N/A

TUSCARAWAS-----

We held 4 Ohio Journal on the air Nets.

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Weekly nets, daily nets and Fldigi practice sessions.

WILLIAMS COUNTY OH-----

Performed a message passing drill with the group as a tabletop drill and a Messages receiving prior to the Ares Net.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

ASHTABULA COUNTY-----

ARES members participated in the covered bridge festival at harpersfield covered bridge.

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CLARK-----

N/A

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Slow Month.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY-----

ADMIN - 3 for 17 hrs

Beta tested new features of Volunteer Ham

2025 Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Summit Meeting

DARKE-----

no comments

DELAWARE-----

SET, Monday and Digital nets, Mesh, 1st Friday outreach, STEM training, meetings, general ham operations.

DISTRICT 5-----

Portage and Carroll counties continue to have no EC or ARES group in place. No report was received from Trumbull or Mahoning Counties.

DISTRICT SIX-----

WEEKLY NETS S.E.T. GMRS NETS

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

Repeater networking plans

GREENE COUNTY-----

Planning underway for 2026 training exercises.

Start of planning for hosting FEMA/DHS AUXCOMM class.

Preparation for Hamvention 2026.

HOCKING COUNTY-----

Hocking County Full Scale EMA/EOC Exercise. / General Class Upgrade Training / 10-HF(SSB/CW/Dig) Portable operations /1-Club Meeting / Fox Hunt

LAKE-----

N/A

LICKING COUNTY-----

The EC completed six POTA activations along the Lake Erie shoreline to test antennas and maintain his ARES skills. W8EOG completed several POTA activations along the Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Parkways.

73 - Alan - N8CJ

LUCAS COUNTY-----

ADMIN DUTIES, PLANNING, PREPERATION.

MAHONING COUNTY-----

ARRL Set, ARISS Contact Project Hilltop Elementary, Peace Race

MEIGS COUNTY-----

This is my last report as EC Meigs County. It was a pleasure serving.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

MoCo ARES held its General Meeting on 10/29. We had Shawn Waldman, N8VHC, CEO of SecureCyber gave a presentation on Cyber Security and ways to protect yourself.

MORROW COUNTY-----

Met with EMA Director 10/7/25  
Picked up new mobile unit  
Worked on new Mobile unit for exercises. added radios antennas etc  
Programmed GRMS repeater. Created/tested backup Repeater

RICHLAND CO.-----

WEEKLY NETS AND GMRS NETS

SANDUSKY CO.-----

Admin EC hrs.-3

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

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TUSCARAWAS-----

No emergency, training events this month. 15 members attended the monthly meeting equaling 30 combined hours.

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Nothing of note to report.

WILLIAMS COUNTY OH-----

performing more training around net passing.

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