



ARES Field Reports

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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, February, 2025**.

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| Total number of ARES members: | 1818 |
| Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month: | 56 |
| Total number of DECs in section: | 81 |
| Number of ARES nets active: | 681 |
| Number of nets with NTS liaison: | 518 |
| Number of participants in nets: | 4618 |

| | Number | Person-Hrs |
|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Exercises this month: | 113 | 1198.6 |
| Training events this month: | 256 | 1602.7 |
| Public service events this month: | 24 | 185.5 |
| Community service events this month: | 13 | 513.0 |
| Emergency events this month: | 2 | 5.0 |
| SKYWARN events this month: | 26 | 134.5 |
| Meetings this month: | 114 | 2723.6 |
| Unclassified events this month: | 449 | 2214.3 |

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

AA8BN, AC8OW, AD8AK, AD8G, AF8E, AF8RJ, AK8DF, K8CVM, KA5RUC, KA8OAD, KA8OCG, KB8BKE, KB8IIH, KC8EGV, KC8ITN, KC8PBU, KD8GSP, KD8IEW, KD8JXP, KD8KIR, KD8OTQ, KD8TLD, KE8ANU, KE8CVP, KE8IDH, KE8JNH, KE8OOE, KE8OTQ, KE8WSO, KE8ZHS, KG6DI, N8ADO, N8CJ, N8ME, N8OXQ, N8PVC, N8SUZ, N8TFD, W8CEN, W8DLB, W8DRH, W8HFZ, W8JTW, W8PAB, W8VHS, WB8YHD, WD8PNZ, WD8SDH, WF8B

Activity Details:

ASHLAND-----
 ARES functions included monthly meeting and on- air nets.

ASHTABULA COUNTY-----

Training during the monthly meeting included a review of sample training used by a Texas ARES group, handouts on generator safety, carbon monoxide poisoning, proper storage of gasoline, heat advisory and heat related illnesses.

Training during a net included how to winterize equipment, the importance of periodically running a generator to maintain the generator's magnet, and winter safety.

ATHENS-----

Weekly 6m, 2m, 70cm, 10m nets, weekly 2m/70cm System Fusion nets. Monthly 2m simplex net

BELMONT COUNTY-----

Held monthly club meeting as well as nets

CARROLL COUNTY-----

No activities at this time

CLARK COUNTY-----

N/A

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Slow month.

COLUMBIANA-----

Had training and went over Columbiana County Emergency Operations Manual and what to expect on a call out and what frequencies will be used.

COSHOCTON-----

More D9 packet and Winlink trainings. D9 net participation from KL7RF,KA8BJA,KE8WIP... AA8BN EC

COUNTY-----

In addition to our weekly two meter net we also had our yearly 440 net/test. We recently installed new dedicated antennas for each band and wanted to test everything. All worked well.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----

February ARES meeting was demo of VolunteerHam,N8ESG-2 trailer work continues, Upcoming events scheduling -Comms and Sags, Upcoming ARES meeting programs discussion

D5 DEC-----

All counties reported an increase in the number of ARES Nets and sets held with an NTS liaison.

D5 DEC-----

Activity increased for the month of February among all ARES groups in District 5.

DARKE-----

4 nets 8 man hrs

DEC 7-----

N/A

DELAWARE-----

Preparation for LEPC FSE begins next month. Arnold Sports Festival medical team support. Monday night net radio practice. Many participating in contests.

DISTRICT 1-----

ARES in brief, FLDIGI, Siren test, CPR training, Board mtg

DISTRICT 4-----

"slow month". "Scheduled event" season picks up soon with the spring weather!

DISTRICT 8-----

Messaging with new ECs

DISTRICT 8-----

Evaluator/participant in multi-county regional public health surge drill TTX of simulated tanker spill on January 28, 2025. Participated in ACARA Winter Field Day operations.

DISTRICT 9-----

Bi weekly trainings for D9 using D9 packet network de AA8BN and bi weekly winlink messages send to D9 from KL7RF.
....AA8BN D9 DEC

DISTRICT SIX-----

WEEKLY NETS

FAIRFIELD COUNTY-----

N/A

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

Hour for the Arnold Sports Festival will be submitted in March.

GEAUGA-----

Net attendance is down, trying to figure that out. First public service event of the season - the Ohio Winter Rally. Went really well. Good times.

GREENE COUNTY-----

Routine nets conducted by GCARES and by area clubs.
Regular in-person meeting of GCARES.
Continued support for AUXCOMM activities.
Held a well-attended workshop for setting up and basic operation of digital communications over amateur radio.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

N/A

HAMILTON-----

HamCo ARES continues to support SkyWARN, local NTS, and Ohio Winlink nets.
Public Service event season starts in March with Cincy Reds opening day.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----
Ran test nets

HOCKING COUNTY-----
Weekly nets on the Hocking Valley Amateur Radio Club repeater.

HURON COUNTY-----
Weekly Nets

JACKSON-----
NA

JEFFERSON COUNTY-----
EXERCISE: Setup mobile stations at a park and then made POTA contacts. - TRAINING: Message handling training every week plus individual training. - UNCLASSIFIED: Station Maintenance, ARES Admin Time and Non-ARES Operating by individual members.

KNOX COUNTY-----
weekly net for ARES and all club members

LAKE-----
Nets

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. We also had a few members participate in some major contests to sharpen their CW and RTTY skills. We continue to struggle with encouraging participation and involvement with all ARES members.

Significant time this month was spent on Community presentations relatedd of ARES and Amateur Radio by the SEC. ARES volunteers were prepared to paticipate in the Timbuk Winter Run but the event was canceled because of an unexpected snowstorm that hit the area the morning of the event.

LUCAS-----
ARES in BRIEF, FLDIGI, SIREN TEST/NET, CPR TRAINING, BOARD MEETING.

MADISON COUNTY-----
None

MAHONING COUNTY-----
2 ARES Mets per month

MARION-----
February the Marion ARES training meeting covered the new v3 ARES PTB and discussed. The Feburary MARC meeting was noteworthy as we had several new hams from recruited via meshtastic, and a few GMRS operators join the meeting. W8DRH & KE8ETC attended LEPC meeting for Marion

MEIGS COUNTY-----

We conducted a training exercise in the field followed by a hot wash. An after-action/improvement report was generated and distributed to members and stake-holders. The operations manual was updated. Training event hours were for the loading and familiarization of using "Discord" for on-line training.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

Net participation includes voice, digital (FLDIGI) and Winlink nets. Total of 25.9 person hours.

NOBLE-----

Participated in OSSBN, ODEN and District 9 ARES net sessions.

OTTAWA COUNTY-----

Weekly ARES nets

PICKAWAY-----

Normal net activity

RICHLAND-----

WEKKLY NETS

SANDUSKY COUNTY OHIO-----

1-Outdoor Siren Net
1-Hospital Net
4- Traffic / Weekly Nets

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

Weekly ARES voice net

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

Weekly ARES voice net

SENECA COUNTY-----

SENECA CO ARES NET

STARK CO-----

Weekly Nets for all 3 county clubs. Multiple clubs holding different license class in person classes. Continual prep for MARC new HQ shack.

SUMMIT-----

We had our monthly meeting and introduced our new AllStar node connected to the Akron (main) repeater, how to access it and information on the addition of Amateur Radio Newsline on Thursday evening at 20:00 and ARRL News on Sunday evening at 20:00

UNION-----

We have our weekly 8pm Sunday repeater net and 2m simplex voice/digital net after meeting on the repeater. Both nets generally take up 1 hour of time combined. We found on 2m FM that using 8PSK 500F is a lot faster to use compared to MT632KL. Using 8PSK 500F has reduced the time needed for our 2m simplex voice/diginet. The FLDigi documentation has a lot of useful

information about the different digital modes it supports.

WASHINGTON-----

Picked up 1 new ARES member for February

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Daily and weekly nets on VHF, UHF (DMR) Nets, Barometer, Bolo, and Weekly club nets.

WILLIAMS COUNTY-----

2/3 8 participants 2/10. 7 participants 2/17 9 participants 2/24 7 participants

Administrative and Other Comments:

ASHLAND-----

Slow month for our members. March will see more activity.

ATHENS-----

Upcoming public service events: Red cross Chapters on the Air - March 14, Iron Furnace Trail Run - April 5, Athens Marathon - April 13, Race for a Reason - April 27
ACARA Athens Hamfest, Athens Community Center - April 28, 2025, 8 AM to noon. VE Session 10 AM.

BELMONT COUNTY-----

Held 1 monthly meeting and 4 weekly nets

CARROLL COUNTY-----

No training of other events at this time

CLARK COUNTY-----

N/A

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Slow month.

COLUMBIANA-----

N/A

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----

Administrative 11 entries for 24 hours
Field 15 "Unclassified Events this month" shows Hours from "Operating on the Air" as listed in VolunteerHam.com

D5 DEC-----

No reports received from Columbiana and Portage (No ARES) counties. Awaiting approval of an Assistant DEC.

D5 DEC-----

Revised DEC Monthly Report. No report received from Portage (No Ares) county.

DARKE-----

4 nets 8 man hours

DEC 7-----
N/A

DISTRICT 1-----
Planning and Preparation
The Northwest Ohio ARES Traffic and Training Net for the month of February had 254 check ins, passed 119 pieces of traffic in 492 minutes in 28 sessions.

DISTRICT 4-----
Received only Clinton County's report this month!

DISTRICT 8-----
none

DISTRICT 8-----
none

DISTRICT SIX-----
WEEKLY NETS AND ARES MEETINGS

FAIRFIELD COUNTY-----
N/A

GREENE COUNTY-----
Working on having an AUXCOMM class in May.
Many of our members are very active in preparing for Hamvention 2025.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----
Slow month

HAMILTON-----
HamCo ARES reorganization has started with new membership waiver requirements.
Next month we will announce member capability and participation requirements.

HOCKING COUNTY-----
Each month the HVARC/ARES Members have four meetings and four radio nights, which are training sessions.

HURON COUNTY-----
Slow month

JACKSON-----
NA

LAKE-----
N/A

LICKING COUNTY-----
The EC presented a Power Point at the February COOKEN Meeting and is assisting in the

preparation of an FT8 demo for the COOKEN March meeting. Special thanks to the team that was prepared to work the Timbuk Winter Run.

73 - Alan - N8CJ

LUCAS-----
UNCLASSIFIED INCLUDES, ADMIN, PLANNING, AND PREPERATIONS

MAHONING COUNTY-----
ARES Training All Hands meeting with 23 attending. Two local club meetings with 25 and 30 attending both for 2 hrs each and an ARES Leadership Team meeting of 6 for 2 hrs. Also 2 Winlink nets each month with 5 participants each net.

MEIGS COUNTY-----
none

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----
MoCo ARES held its General Meeting on 2/25. Kenneth Robinson, Regional Disaster Officer for the American Red Cross, Central & Southern Ohio Region was our guest speaker. Ken discussed how hams can help the Red Cross and about Disaster Services Technology.

OTTAWA COUNTY-----
We continue to try to recruit members by leveraging GMRS as a stepping stone. Keeping in touch with local EMA officials. Looking to put up a new repeater in the county. Working with EMA to help find a good location. Planning 4 big exercises in the coming months. Members got the Magruder hospital radio provided by the Hospital Council up and working. Comms established with regional 2 meter repeaters. Another member upgraded to General class license. Monthly in person meetings starting in March!

RICHLAND-----
SKYWARN SIREN TESTS

SANDUSKY COUNTY OHIO-----
3 hrs. EC Admin
3 hrs. Work Session

STARK CO-----
Planning for a new VHF / UHF Contest sponsored by all stark county clubs to light up the airwaves and repeaters to boost activity.

SUMMIT-----
No comments

UNION-----
Two Unclassified events: We had a good turn out for the February Union County Amateur radio club meeting and also for the CQ World Wide 160m contest on Friday and Saturday evening/nights. We made around 375 contacts as a high power multi-op station. We had been working with our local electric provider to resolve a noise issue on the HF bands. The noise got resolved late last year in 2024. Not having to fight the power line noise helped us make more contacts in the 160m contest this year.

WASHINGTON-----

Utilized Discord for various training Packet Winlink held Monthly ARES meeting talked about plans for Spring.

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Meetings with WARC and SARA clubs, training on Solar Power for ECOM as well as Skwarn net protocol.

WILLIAMS COUNTY-----

Spoke with DEC about some table top exercises and a mock deployment drill.

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