



# 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, March, 2025**.

Total number of ARES members:	1667
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	55
Total number of DECs in section:	80
Number of ARES nets active:	683
Number of nets with NTS liaison:	503
Number of participants in nets:	4592

	Number	Person-Hrs
Exercises this month:	91	1410.5
Training events this month:	174	1554.1
Public service events this month:	58	523.5
Community service events this month:	35	1416.3
Emergency events this month:	9	140.0
SKYWARN events this month:	80	1344.4
Meetings this month:	146	3084.9
Unclassified events this month:	538	2970.8

### Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

AA8BN, AD8AK, AD8G, AF8E, AF8RJ, AK8DF, K8CVM, K8MD, K8MDA, KA5RUC, KA8OAD, KA8OCG, KA8RVI, KB8BKE, KB8IIH, KC8CAD, KC8EGV, KC8ITN, KC8PBU, KD8GSP, KD8IEW, KD8JXP, KD8KIR, KD8OTQ, KD8TLD, KE8IDH, KE8JNH, KE8JNN, KE8OOE, KE8OTQ, KE8WSO, KE8ZHS, KG6DI, N8ADO, N8CJ, N8ME, N8OXQ, N8PVC, N8SUZ, W8CEN, W8DLB, W8DRH, W8HFZ, W8JTW, W8PAB, W8VHS, WB8YHD, WD8SDH, WF8B

### Activity Details:

ASHLAND-----

Provided communications in conjunction with Richland and Wayne County teams for a marathon

through Mohican State Park/Memorial Forest

ASHTABULA COUNTY-----

\* Net control training -- What to do if primary repeater goes down.

\* Training during monthly meeting on net control and traffic handling.

ATHENS-----

MOntly training session at ACARA monthly meeting.

BELMONT COUNTY-----

Still working to find net control operators for the club net, as of now only two

CARROLL COUNTY-----

No activities at this time

CLARK-----

Simplex net held per the D3 Band Plan.

CC ARES held a Wx Net in support of the State-wide Tornado Drill

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Slow and rainy

COLUMBIANA COUNTY-----

setup ARES emergency freq. and passed out to members also have setup Training with CERT in April as well as Training with Ohio Military Reserve in May.

COSHOCTON-----

Lepc meeting attended. ARES participated in a COTS exercise at local Coshocton regional medical center hospital. Spent several hours at EMA setting up programs on 'new' computers. Also testing computers, communications at for hospital exercise. Also continued training with D9 packet , digital nets, and weekly ares nets vhf, uhf. Aa8bn EC Coshocton

CUYAHOGA COUNTY-----

SkyWarn training at meeting

SkyWarn Statewide Tornado Drill

NOARS Fest support

ARES Comm Trailer work

Purged old member list for VolunteerHam

D5 DEC-----

Stark County participated in statewide tornado drill. Mahoning County also participated in statewide tornado drill and two (2) Skywarn activations.

DARKE-----

Nets are held on Monday evenings at 7 pm

DEC 7-----

N/A

DELAWARE-----

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DISTRICT 6-----

WEEKLY NETS AND SKYWARN NETS

DISTRICT 8-----

Virtual attendance at ACARA meetings.

DISTRICT 9-----

Weekly Saturday D9 nets. Bi weekly D9 packet network exercises/ trainings. Bi weekly winlink HF p2p exercises/ trainings by WD8SAB, AEC Jefferson co .....AA8BN D9 DEC.

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

Arnold Sports Festival happened at the beginning of March. Overall,there were 5 days including special sessions for logistics and coordination.

GEAUGA-----

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GREENE COUNTY-----

Routine nets conducted by GCARES and area clubs.  
Regular in-person meeting of GCARES  
Did a presentation on ARES for local club.  
Support for developmental/training nets for OHSDF involving all three AUXC's who are GCARES members.  
Participated in statewide tornado drill, including a special net.  
Activated county Skywarn severe weather net.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

Tuesday night's ARES nets. WL2K presentation at club meeting. SKYWARN net for WX. Tornado drill warning net.

HAMILTON-----

HamCo ARES planning for summer public service events.  
Major WX-related response for Cincy started on 03/30 and into April.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

1 Skywarn even this month, routine nets

HOCKING COUNTY-----

4 - 2m Nets; 1 - 70cm Net

JACKSON-----

Getting ready for summer field

JEFFERSON-----

EXERCISE: Setup mobile stations then make POTA contacts and participated in a COTS exercise handling communications for two agencies. - TRAINING: Message handling training every week. Classroom hands on message handling training and individual training by members. - COMMUNITY SERVICE: Provided communications for one race/walk event. - MEETINGS: meetings included meeting with agencies to get ready for COTS exercise. - UNCLASSIFIED: Station Maintenance, ARES Admin Time and Non-ARES Operating by individual members.

KNOX COUNTY-----

Simplex net was held with all county ARES members, to define who could reach each other during a repeater disaster. weekly mass notification texts sent from EC to all ARES members. weekly ARES net on repeater.

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. We also had a few members participate in Skywarn Spotter Training this month. We continue to struggle with encouraging participation and involvement with all ARES members.

Significant time this month was spent on: adjusting the club's 2m repeater antenna that had been moved to the temporary tower position; individual training events and individual exercises.

LORAIN-----

recruiting new members, working to raise participation in activities and nets.

LUCAS-----

INCLUDE NTS NETS, A&B NETS, SKYWARN, STATEWIDE TORNADO SIREN, MONTHLY SIREN MEETING WITH EDUCATION SIREN INSPECTIONS FOR COUNTY EMA, MONROE MI COBALT MAGNUM (NUCLEAR DRILL)

MADISON COUNTY-----

None

MAHONING COUNTY-----

2 ARES Nets for the month, 8 club nets, 2 Skywarn activations, 1 Statewide tornado drill,1 all hands ARES Meeting, 1 ARES Winlink net, 1 National Winlink exercise - Tsunami

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MARION-----

March ARES meeting we brought in the MARES VHF go boxes as many members have never worked with them, inspected, reviewed the contents as a group, and went over setup/operating procedures.

MEDINA-----

Monthly Meeting, Monthly Training, Monthly Digital net using FLdigi,

MEIGS COUNTY-----

none

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

Net participation includes voice, digital (FLDIGI) and Winlink Nets. Total of 29.3 person hours. Dayton Skywarn had 4 activations in March. 3 Weather Nets on 3/15, 3/19 & 3/30. Montgomery County had 42 checkins for the Statewide Tornado Drill on 3/19. Had a great turnout for the In Person NWS Skywarn Training on 3/8 at Miami Valley Hospital.

MORROW CTY OHIO-----

Breakfast/Meeting every Sat morning planning mor activities this year!

NOBLE-----

Total of 12.16 hours participating in OSSBN CARA Net District 9 net and Ohio Digital Emergency Net.

OTTAWA COUNTY-----

4 ARES weekly nets

PAULDING-----

ARES net is the first Monday every month.

PICKAWAY-----

Normal net activity

RICHLAND-----

weekly nets\skywarn net

SANDUSKY-----

- 1- Hospital Net
- 1- Siren Net
- 4- Weekly Traffic/Local Nets (1 net cancelled due to Skywarn Net up & running)

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

Weekly ARES voice net

SENECA COUNTY - OH-----

SENECA COUNTY ARES NET

SHELBY-----

7 MEMBERS COMPLETED DAMAGE ACCESSMENT TRAINING CONDUCTED BY THE EMA.

## STARK CO-----

Finished up 8 week in person tech class at new MARC HQ. Many new hams joined the hobby with new licenses. Activated Skywarn net 147.12 for Stark CO. Participated in statewide tornado drill with a good following from out county.

## SUMMIT-----

Monthly meeting and 5 weekly nets

## TUSCARAWAS-----

5 Weekly nets

## WASHINGTON-----

No Comments

## WAYNE COUNTY-----

Daily and Weekly nets that include not only voice traffic but also digital (Mt63) messages as well.

## WILLIAMS COUNTY OH-----

3/3 7 participants, 3/10 7 participants, 3/17 9 participants, 3/24 9 participants, 3/29 10 participants severe weather net. 3/31 10 participants,

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

## ASHLAND-----

More activity than usual and looking to continue our growth in activities.

## ATHENS-----

Upcoming events: April 5 - Iron Furnace Trail Run at Lake Hope State Park. April 13, Athens Marathon on Athens-Hocking Bikeway. April 26 Ohio University Race for a Reason. April 27 ACARA Athens Hamfest.

## BELMONT COUNTY-----

Provided backup emergency communications for the Belmont County Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) full scale exercise

## CARROLL COUNTY-----

Had severe thunderstorms move through on Sunday the 16th and activated the ARES Net for SKYWARN.

## CLARK-----

N/A

## CLINTON COUNTY-----

Slow and rainy

## CUYAHOGA COUNTY-----

1 Admin function for 17 Hours

## D5 DEC-----

No report received from Carroll, Trumbull and Portage Counties. Portage County has no ARES group at this time, but working on creating one.

DARKE-----  
none

DELAWARE-----  
CORRECTED REPORT

DISTRICT 6-----  
WEEKLY NETS ARES TRAINING ON FLDIGI AND GMRS

DISTRICT 8-----  
Working with ACARA and SCARF re: Field Day ops.

GEAUGA-----  
We did have skywarn activations, but Skywarn is not an ARES program and as such, it's not listed here.

GREENE COUNTY-----  
Continuing preparations for Hamvention 2025.  
Arrangements for an AUXCOMM class are well developed, will announce classes 4/1 or 4/2.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----  
Did initial programming of frequencies in the new EOC radio. Meeting with the EMA director to discuss ARES.

HAMILTON-----  
HamCo ARES required all members to sign a waiver of liability in anticipation of a requirement from the City of Cincinnati. This gave us an opportunity to review our membership list and contact the inactive folks. In April we will require all members to complete ICS classes. Membership numbers will be closer to 25 in April, however, this will be more representative of active members.

HOCKING COUNTY-----  
Conducted a Simplex Exercise: Established 2m communication between all townships in the county and between the townships and the EOC. 1 Meeting and 1 radio night during which training occurred.

JACKSON-----  
N/a

KNOX COUNTY-----  
New background checks are being done for all members of the radio testing team, have been and are in progress for 5 members of Knox County ARES who will be admitted into EOC and Hospital to test radios. EMA and EOC located in Sheriffs department and background costs are being covered by the County.

LAKE-----  
N/A

LICKING COUNTY-----

The EC presented assisting an FT8 demo for the COOKEN March meeting; Tested/deployed a new portable vertical antenna; completed three POTA activations to exercise his ARES skills. We have started having more frequent severe weather nets toward the end of the month.

73 - Alan - N8CJ

LUCAS-----  
UNCLASSIFIED EQUALS, ADMIN, VIDEO CONFERENCES, PLANING

MADISON COUNTY-----  
None

MAHONING COUNTY-----  
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MAHONING COUNTY-----  
Meetings included ARES Leadership Team and Club meetings

MARION-----  
Goal for next months meeting is to start laying out a local SET as its appears no one in the group has ever actively participated in one, or if they have, its been many years.

MEIGS COUNTY-----  
We've added to our operational plan, at the hospital's request, to test/exercise the auxiliary (amateur) radio at the Meigs County emergency department of the Holzer Medical system. We've suggested several changes to the radio system at the ED to increase reliability and have offered to supply parts and labor pro bono. We have not heard back from the hospital regarding our suggestions.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----  
MoCo ARES held its Planning Meeting on 3/25.

OTTAWA COUNTY-----  
We participated in the Cobalt Magnet 2025 drill sponsored by Monroe County ARES. Four members split duties between the EOC, hospital, and a home station. This all day event demonstrated how well multiple different radio groups could work together. I was able to set up a few Zello channels for use across all agencies which provided a very reliable backbone for communications. Our group met this month and discussed around 10 different topics. We met with the EMA and Cleveland Communications re: a new donated repeater location. The EMA offered to pay for the installation and upkeep of this repeater. We participated in a video call with our Skywarn Coordinator discussing model runs regarding some pending severe weather. We had one official Skywarn net and another informal net following up on some minor damage from a minor wind event. I had about 10 hours of EC admin time. Overall it was a very busy and fun month.

RICHLAND-----  
ARES MEETING TRAIING PN FLDIGI AND GMRS  
HAVE A GMRS NET NOW

SANDUSKY-----  
3 hrs EC Admin

STARK CO-----  
We keep gaining new members and hams through gmrs operators. amateur radio has sparked there interest especially with public service events.

SUMMIT-----  
N/A

TUSCARAWAS-----  
1 emergency weather net

WASHINGTON-----  
No Comments

WAYNE COUNTY-----  
Skywarn training with the NWS and provided assistance at the Mohican 1/2 marathon. Meetings include both SARA and Wayne Clubs.

WILLIAMS COUNTY OH-----  
severe weather net this month, Toledo Ham Fest

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