



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, September, 2025.**

Total number of ARES members:	1,473
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	50
Total number of DECs/ECs in section:	71
Number of ARES net sessions held:	816
Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	517
Number of participants in nets:	4,330

	Number	Person-Hrs
Exercises this month:	117	741.00
Training events this month:	243	1,493.90
Public service events this month:	60	1,395.50
Community service events this month:	101	2,657.60
Emergency events this month:	1	30.00
SKYWARN events this month:	26	116.00
Meetings this month:	174	4,630.40
Unclassified events this month:	468	5,000.00

Call signs of DECs reporting:

AA8BN, AC8OW, AD8AK, AF8E, AF8RJ, K3ATL, K8CVM, K8MD, K8MDA, KA5RUC, KA8OAD, KA8OCG, KB8BKE, KB8IIH, KC8CAD, KC8EGV, KC8PBU, KD8GSP, KD8JXP, KD8KIR, KD8OTQ, KD8TLD, KE8IDH, KE8JNH, KE8JNN, KE8OOE, KE8OTQ, KE8WSO, KE8ZHS, KG6DI, N8ADO, N8CJ, N8ME, N8OXQ, N8PVC, N8SUZ, W8DLB, W8HFZ, W8PAB, W8VHS, WB8YHD, WD8PNZ, WD8SDH, WF8B

Activity Details:

ASHLAND COUNTY-----

Sept was the Ashland Co fair, where our EC, skywarn Coordinator, and other members took shifts in the EMA command trailer to aid in maintaining situational awareness and interoperability. We also met in the EOC with NWS staff to meet the new operations director from the cle office.

ATHENS-----

Monthly 2 M simplex, and weekly 6 M, 2 M, 70 CM, 10 M nets

BELMONT COUNTY-----

Nets as well as meeting have been holding their own, with not much activity in new hams coming on.

CLARK-----

N/A

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Another slow month.

COLUMBIANA-----

Did 2 exercises with County CERT. Provided communication from search & rescue area to county EMA on first exercise, and Second exercise we provided mobile check-ins from the field every 10 min.

COSHOCTON-----

Weekly vhf nets. Weekly digital net using fldigi, etc. Twice a month packet training from D9 has been in place for several years as well as Winlink messaging exercises , in which Coshocton ARES® trains. Also participating with District 9 winlink hf p2p vara a couple times a month from WD8SAB AEC JEFFERSON sends..... AA8BN Coshocton EC

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----

Shares, MARS, POTA Activations
Comm trailer door modification
Coast to Oast bike rallye support
River Run, Comms and traffic support
Century Ride comms support.
Cleveland Hamfest comm support
Shaker Lakes Hike and Ride - comms and traffic
Multi Club Picnic - representing ARES and N8ESG
Emergency Preraredness EXPO
Cert Search and Rescue excercize support

DARKE-----

5 nets

DELAWARE-----

Planning for busy October, SET, Community events.

DISTRICT 1-----

Harmon Toledo Marathon, FLDIGI Net, Siren Nets, Sandusky River Clean Sweep, Heritage Festival Parade

DISTRICT 5-----

Summit County ARES assisted the Akron Marathon supplying 21 volunteers. Stark County assisted with a local festival. Columbiana County ARES participated in 2 county CERT exercises.

DISTRICT 8-----

Helped with Buckeye Trail Half Marathon race

DISTRICT 9-----

All counties were doing prep work for Oct 4 SET. With the scenario of major soar flare ,I added a X6 to exercise in D9. No HF . This means no ossbn, ohden, hf w8sgt. Will try and use Ohio z District 9 Packet Network within D9 and relay to w8sgt by vhf 6.76. DEC preparing outlines, D9 scenario within District. Aa8bn and W8FHF comprise D9 admin. . AA8BN D9 DEC

DISTRICT SIX-----

WEEKLY NETS

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

Deer Creek, CROP Walk,

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 significant bike tour. Support to FD/CERT for local festival. Planning, training, and race day support for Air Force Marathon, a VERY large event.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

Conducted training on radiograms, ICS214, ICS309, ICS205 forms. Net procedures for up coming SET

HAMILTON-----

Routine NETs this month.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Conducted nets in different formats

HOCKING COUNTY-----

4-Repeater Nets / 1-Simplex Net

HOLMES CO.-----

n/a

HURON COUNTY-----

As usual

JACKSON-----

We had a trunk sale on 9-20-25

JEFFERSON-----

TRAINING: Message handling training every week on nets and individual training by members. -
COMMUNITY SERVICE: Provided communications for a United Way 5K walk & race. -
UNCLASSIFIED: Station Maintenance, ARES Admin Time and Non-ARES Operating by individual members.

KNOX COUNTY-----

weekly net test

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. Two operators participated in the Ohio State Parks On The Air and activated Caesar Creek and Buckeye Lake State Parks for a short time in the event. In addition to our regular club meetings and luncheons, Community Events this month included attendance at a Hamfest and planning for the Ohio ARES Conference. We continue to struggle with encouraging participation and involvement with all ARES members.

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

LORAIN-----

Weekly net sessions, training.

LORAIN-----

Training for new members. recruiting.

LUCAS-----

ARES TRAFFIC AND TRAINING, ARES IN BRIEF, FLDIGI NETS, LUCAS COUNTY SIREN TEST NET, GARMIN TOLEDO MARATHON

MADISON COUNTY-----

Support Young's Ice Cream Charity Bike Tour

MAHONING COUNTY-----

2 ARES Nets, 2 WinLink Nets/training net,

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 35.4 person hours. Members participated in multiple Community Events, Kettering Holiday at Home 5k & Parade 9/1, Sycamore Trail Grand Opening 9/6, USAF Marathon

9/20 & Germantown Twisted Pretzel Tour 9/27.

MORROW CTY, OH-----

Last report from me. Eric Hibar KE8FHG is the new EC

NOBLE-----

American Legion Post 641 ARC W8BVL participated in OSPOTA at Wolf run State Park. We made contact with 37 of the 58 parks participating in the event.

PAULDING-----

ARES net first Monday

PICKAWAY-----

Normal group activity

RICHLAND-----

WEEKLY NETS MESHTASTIC TRAINING

SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO-----

No Hospital Net- 1st Monday was Labor Day

1- Siren Net

4- Traffic/Weekly Nets

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

WEEKLY ARES VOICE NET

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SENECA COUNTY - OH-----

SENECA CO ARES NET - MONTHLYHAM RADIO BREAKFAST - SANDUSKY RIVER CLEAN SWEEP - HERTIAGE FESTIVAL PARADE

SENECA RADIO CLUB - SENECA COUNTY ARES MEETING

STARK CO-----

Normal monthly nest and meetings. Assist with local festival. Ongoing antenna building / shack building exercises as we continue to build MARC Shack.

SUMMIT-----

This month we had our largest event of the year, the Akron Marathon, with 21 ARES volunteers who worked communications for the event for a total of 147 man hours.

TUSCARAWAS-----

Every Monday @ 2000 we hold a weekly net.

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Daily, and weekly nets using both analog and digital modes.

WILLIAMS COUNTY OH-----

9/1 7 members 9/8 4 members 9/15 6 members 9/22 8 members 9/29 6 members

Administrative and Other Comments:

ASHLAND COUNTY-----
None.

ATHENS-----
Buckeye Trail Half Marathon communications support. Activated Stroud's Run (ACARA) and Burr Oak (SCARF) State Parks for training - Ohio State Parks on the Air. Bobcat Trail Marathon on November 8 at Burr Oak State Park.

BELMONT COUNTY-----
Thankfully we have been spared weatherwise so far this year

CLINTON COUNTY-----
Slow month.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----
Administration Events: 3 for 5 hours
Other: 3 for 45 hours
Total Hours: 412

DARKE-----
none

DELAWARE-----
Unclassified is general operating.

DISTRICT 1-----
The NW Ohio ARES Traffic and Training Net for September had 107 check-ins, passed 98 pieces of traffic in 412 minutes in 17 sessions. More EC reports will be asked for again after numerous attempts.

DISTRICT 5-----
Portage and Carroll counties continue to have no EC. No report was received from Mahoning County.

DISTRICT 8-----
Robin Kinney, KG6DI, Meigs EC is leaving the area and resigning his appointment. AEC Brian Taylor, Kz8U has agreed to step into the position pending ARRL membership.

DISTRICT SIX-----
WEEKLY NETS,RICHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----
SET Discussion

GREENE COUNTY-----
Preparing for SET and several other Community Events. Preparation for Hamvention 2026 is underway.

HAMILTON-----

Various members contributed to planning for SET on Oct 18.

HOCKING COUNTY-----

1-Simulated Emergency Training with Ohio AuxComm / 1-Radio Night / 2-General Class Upgrade Study Sessions / 1-Hocking Hills Trail Run Comm Support (Comm Srv.) / 1-Regular Club Meeting / 9-Portable Operations (Unclass) / 2-80m SSB Nets with Ohio AuxComm (Unclass)/ 2-OHDEN Nets (Unclass)/ 3-DMR Nets (Unclass)

HOLMES CO.-----

I am currently the only member for Holmes County, Ohio. I am actively trying to recruit new members.

HURON COUNTY-----

Nothing notable

JACKSON-----

N/A

LAKE-----

N/A

LICKING COUNTY-----

The EC completed three POTA activations to test antennas and maintain his ARES skills. W8EOG continued his POTA activations and is planning some upcoming out of state POTA activations.

73 - Alan - N8CJ

LORAIN-----

Still working on getting more people to join ARES.

LUCAS-----

ADMIN ACTIVITIES, PLANNING, MAINTENANCE, RESEARCH.

MAHONING COUNTY-----

Public Service "Oh Wow Silly Science Sunday" 2 WinLink training nets, 2 club meetings, 2 ARES Leadership meetings

MEDINA-----

1 Training, 15 hours (monthly training second part of the meeting)
1 Emergency Event, FMC, 6 people for 5 hours = 30 hours
1 meeting, 15 hours (monthly meeting before the training)

MEIGS COUNTY-----

Met with served agency director, EMA Director, Jamie Jones, to discuss directions for my team in service to the county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

NWS Wilmington Skywarn Coordinator's Meeting on 9/20 and MoCo ARES held its Planning Meeting on 9/30 to finalize our SET activities.

MORROW CTY, OH-----
Thanks

RICHLAND-----
COMMUNITY PREPARNESS FAIR
GMRS JOINT TRAINING

SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO-----
3 hrs. Admin EC

SCIOTO COUNTY-----
STARTING BATTERY FOR BACKUP GENERATOR IS DEAD. SCIOTO COUNTY EMA IS BUYING A NEW BATTERY. SCIOTO COUNTY EMA WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING A WI-FI HOTSPOT FOR THE ARES TOWER SITE. THE GOAL IS TO RE ESTABLISH THE ON LINE WETHER STATION AND CAMERAS AT THE TOWER SITE.

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STARK CO-----
NA

SUMMIT-----
N/A

TUSCARAWAS-----
Mileage to and from the meetings-120 each x 5 =600; Mileage to and from setting up/tearing down the fairbooth- 120 miles; Mileage to and from working the Swiss Fest parking detail-700 miles; and 1 member working the special event celebrating our 175th year for the Tusc.Co. Fair.

WAYNE COUNTY-----
Our group staffed the Skywatch tower at the Wayne County Fair, supplementing the Sheriffs operations.
Data includes information from both the Wayne and Silvercreek clubs.

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