



# 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, April, 2025.**

Total number of ARES members:	1,524
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	52
Total number of DECs/ECs in section:	81
Number of ARES net sessions held:	665
Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	503
Number of participants in nets:	4,232

	Number	Person-Hrs
Exercises this month:	82	868.00
Training events this month:	159	829.80
Public service events this month:	44	680.80
Community service events this month:	22	1,361.90
Emergency events this month:	25	292.00
SKYWARN events this month:	93	839.20
Meetings this month:	136	3,429.00
Unclassified events this month:	471	2,070.30

### Call signs of DECs reporting:

AA8BN, AC8OW, AD8AK, AF8E, AF8RJ, AK8DF, K8CVM, K8MD, K8MDA, KA5RUC, KA8OAD, KA8RVI, KB8BKE, KB8IIH, KC8CAD, KC8PBU, KD8GSP, KD8IEW, KD8JXP, KD8KIR, KE8CVP, KE8IDH, KE8JNH, KE8JNN, KE8OOE, KE8OTQ, KE8WSO, KG6DI, N8ADO, N8CJ, N8ME, N8OXQ, N8PVC, N8SUZ, W8CEN, W8DLB, W8DRH, W8HFZ, W8PAB, W8SM, W8VHS, WB8YHD, WD8PNZ, WD8SDH, WF8B

### Activity Details:

ASHTABULA COUNTY-----

Training conducted on IC-100 during monthly meeting

ATHENS-----

Weekly 2 meter/70 cm repeater nets, 6 m AM, 10 m SSB, nets plus monthly 2 m simplex net

BELMONT COUNTY-----

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CARROLL COUNTY-----

No activities at this time

CLINTON CNTY-----

Skywarn nets due to weather

COLUMBIANA COUNTY-----

SkyWarn was activated 4 times this month and had 4 SkyWarn regular nets. Preparing for a Drone Challenge will have Ohio Military Reserve, CERT, and ARES will be checking for Comm interop between county first responders.

COSHOCTON-----

This month skywarn net kept the group busy with one being a Tornado warning early morning in darkness. Wind damage and power outages on the 29th with Nws pittsburgh canceling Tuscarawas co Skywarn training that evening.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----

East vs West Marathon -Comm and Sags  
Ohio NVIS Day  
Skywarn spotter training  
Comm trailer installs and maintenance

D5 DEC-----

Mahoning County participated in the ARES NVIS Day. Stark County activated Skywarn Net for severe weather.

DARKE-----

nets went well

DELAWARE-----

Skywarn, Digital nets, LEPC FSE, Monday Night Net, Club Meeting, ARES meetings, Camp Lazarus Celbration, Summer Field Day prep

DISTRICT 1-----

Skywarn

## DISTRICT 8-----

Served as public service event coordinator for ACARA public service event coverage. Coordinated VE session for ACARA Athens Hamfest. Attended Athens County LEPC and Athens County Health Care Coalition meetings representing amateur radio.

## DISTRICT 9-----

DEC monitored 685 during some warnings that went thru D9... Thanks to all in D9 who are active in ARES® . Thanks Sonny, W8FHF, D9 ADEC for all you have done and CONTINUE to do!!! AA8BN D9 DEC

## DISTRICT SIX-----

WEEKLY AND SKYWARN NETS

## FAIRFIELD-----

N/A

## FRANKLIN-----

Cap City Half Marathon

## GREENE-----

routine nets conducted by GCARES abd area clubs.

Regular in-person meeting of GCARES.

Support for developmwental/training nets for OHSDF involving all three AUXC's who are GCARES members.

Two activations for Skywarn severe weather net.

Support for Xenia Marathon (full, half, 10k)

## GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

Sky warn net activated for severe weather

## HAMILTON COUNTY-----

Ohio River Flood Activation

## HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Held nets and prepared for weather events

## HOCKING COUNTY-----

During April, we held 4 repeater-based nets and 1 simplex net.

## HURON COUNTY-----

Weekly and Skywarn nets

## JACKSON-----

N/A

## JEFFERSON-----

EXERCISE: Setup mobile stations for a POTA event and NNIS Day. - TRAINING: Message handling training every week, Classroom hands on message handling training and individual training by members. - UNCLASSIFIED: Station Maintenance, ARES Admin Time and Non-ARES Operating by individual members.

KNOX COUNTY-----  
Online Zoom Winlink training , 3 Severe thunderstorm Nets

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 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-----  
Ongoing work to rebuild and reform ARES Lorain. Bring in new members.

LUCAS-----  
GLASS CITY MARATHON, NTS NETS, ARES IN BRIEF, SKYWARN AREDN MESH LUCAS COUNTY SIREN NET, BOARD MEETING GENERAL MEETING

MADISON COUNTY-----  
None

MAHONING COUNTY-----  
2 ARES voice nets and 2 ARES Winlink checkin nets.

MARION-----  
To start out april we volunteered at the National robotics competition. In additon to our 5 regular nets we had 2 Wx nets this month for active warning that moved through our county. This months training session we went over possible SET scenarios for a local SET. We have planned in person training with our ARES go boxes for May.

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 41.2 person hours. Dayton Skywarn had 2 activations in April on 4/2 & 4/9. There was 3 Community Service Events that members participated in, Xenia Marathon 4/6, Dayton Autism 5k Walk/Run on 4/26 and the Sugar Maple Parade on 4/26.

MORROW CTY, OH-----  
Breakfast/meeting some training

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Breakfast/meeting

NOBLE-----  
Passed traffic to NTS or stood by to receive traffic if necessary

OTTAWA COUNTY-----  
Membership holding steady

PAULDING-----  
ARES first Monday every month.

PICKAWAY-----  
Normal VHF net activity

RICHLAND CO.-----  
Weekly nets and Skywarn

SCIOTO COUNTY-----  
WEEKLY ARES VOICE NET.

SENECA COUNTY-----  
SENECA COUNTY ARES NET

SHELBY-----  
SCARES is still working with Shelby EMS & Sidney PD to install a antenna at the EOC/PD. SCARES supported HCARES/Cincinnati Flood Clean Up with SCARES 1&2 units with 6 manpower to support equipment operations.  
Shelby Co EMA is Starting up a Disaster Assessment Team using manpower from SCARES. We had had initial training x2 with more training to come.

STARK CO-----  
Activated skywarn net for severe weather. Still ongoing preparation for the MARC NEW Shack Build. All our weekly nets.

SUMMIT-----  
This month we had our scheduled ARES meeting

TUSCARAWAS-----  
Weekly Net results

WAYNE COUNTY-----  
Weekly nets on both analog and DMR. Nets also include MT63 digital messages.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

ATHENS-----  
Iron Furnace Trail Run at Lake Hope was cancelled due to areal flooding.

BELMONT COUNTY-----

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checking

CARROLL COUNTY-----

No training of other events at this time

CLINTON CNTY-----

Weather moth.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO-----

Meeting with The Center for Health Affairs and CHAMPS Healthcare ARES reintroduction  
First Tuesday of each monththe ARES Practice Net is run from the County EOC

DARKE-----

none

DISTRICT 1-----

Glass City Marathon, ARDEN mesh, siren net

DISTRICT 8-----

Event participation included in counts for Athens County Amateur Radio Association.

FAIRFIELD-----

N/A

GREENE-----

Continuing preparations forHamvention 2025.  
AUXCOMM class to take place May 13--15. 15 students registered.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

none

HAMILTON COUNTY-----

Flying Pig Marathon

HOCKING COUNTY-----

For radio night in April, the NWS held a weather spotter class for the County/Club. Additionally,  
the club set up an NVIS Antenna on Ohio NVIS Antenna Day, and conducted a simplex net on  
4/23/25.

JACKSON-----

Didn't have a meeting because Easter weekend

## KNOX COUNTY-----

Advised all ARES members to sign into volunteer ham.

## LAKE-----

N/A

## LICKING COUNTY-----

"The EC tested/deployed a second portable vertical antenna; tested/installed a portable logging tool(PoLo) that operates on smartphones and tablets; completed two POTA activations to exercise his ARES skills. We have started having more frequent severe weather nets this month.

73 - Alan - N8CJ"

## LUCAS-----

PLANNING, PREPERATION, REPORTING, MAINTENANCE

## MAHONING COUNTY-----

Exercise - ARES NVIS Day, Lake Milton State Park included Task Book activities & signoffs  
Meetings - 2 Club, 1 ARES Leadership  
Unclassified - Club nets 2

## MEDINA-----

1 Exercise: NVIS day: 2 persons, 10 hours  
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)  
1 unclassified event: VE Session, 5 persons 15 hours

## MEIGS COUNTY-----

The training event consisted of using the weekly net to practice and test the repeater and equipment for use of the NBEMS digital modes.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

Attended the EC/DEC Meeting via Zoom on 4/2 & MoCo ARES held its General Meeting on 4/29.

## NOBLE-----

attended local LEPC meeting.

## OTTAWA COUNTY-----

Another busy month. Of note, we were involved in the Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station dry run drill. We networked with several public service agencies. Members are working to extend AREDN mesh from Lucas County into Ottawa County. Also garnered support from the EMA to host a donated UHF repeater at a county public service tower site.

## SCIOTO COUNTY-----

ALL ARES SYSTEMS UP AND RUNNING AS USUAL. NEW OHIO MARCS TOWER BEING CONSTRUCTED ACROSS FROM ARES TOWER SITE. SCIOTO ARES HAS AGREED TO ALLOW ACCES TO OUR SITE TO FACILITATE STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT ANS SUPPLIES AS NEEDED.

STARK CO-----

NA

SUMMIT-----

N/A

TUSCARAWAS-----

Held one weather net due to extreme winds, rain, sleet and hail  
Held one meeting this month, members made final adjustments to our annual hamfest.  
Held our annual Hamfest. 40 total members/help on both days for a total of 440 hours.

WAYNE COUNTY-----

NVIS day was held in conjunction with another community event in Rittman. We made a number of face to face contacts with community members.

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