

Report: Form4

Division: Great Lakes

Section: Ohio

Month/Year: February 2026

History: Reported by Mathew Nickoson, KC8NZJ, SEC on 2026-03-22 14:06:06 UTC

Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	56
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	88
4. Total number of ARES members:	1,485
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	753
6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	511
7. Number of participants in nets:	4,618

	Number Person-Hrs	
8. Exercises this month:	246	408.50
9. Training events this month:	211	1,437.20
10. Public service events this month:	27	477.50
11. Community service events this month:	17	696.00
12. Emergency events this month:	5	82.00
13. SKYWARN events this month:	22	268.00
14. Meetings this month:	181	3,538.50
15. Unclassified events this month:	663	2,551.50

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

AA8BN, AC8OW, AD8AK, AD8G, AF8E, AF8RJ, K8CVM, K8MD, KA5RUC, KA8OAD, KA8OCG, KB8BKE, KB8IIH, KC8CAD, KC8PBU, KD8GSP, KD8JXP, KD8KIR, KD8OTQ, KD8TLD, KE8ANU, KE8CVP, KE8FHG, KE8GJL, KE8IDH, KE8JNH, KE8JNN, KE8OOE, KE8OTQ, KE8SAB, KE8WSO, KZ8U, N8ADO, N8ADX, N8ME, N8PVC, N8SUZ, W8BNO, W8CEN, W8DLB, W8HFZ, W8VHS, WB8YHD, WD8PNZ, WD8SAB, WD8SDH, WF8B

Activity Details:

ASHLAND COUNTY-----

The average weekly net has 6 participants.

ASHTABULA-----

On Air Training conducted on Feb 2 - Rest stop/aid communicator
Feb 9 - Operating Tactical Nets Part 1
Feb 16 - Operating Tactical Nets Part 2
Feb 23 - Marathon Best Practices

ATHENS-----

Presented overview of ARES and public service event operations for Athens County ARA Tech license classes. Demonstrated field deployable emergency antennas and distributed handouts on Anderson PowerPole installation, go-kit items and NTS messaging forms. Demo of ATV station.

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CLARK-----

N/A

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Spring is here.

COLUMBIANA-----

held training on Winlink at monthly meeting also practiced VARA P2P for upcoming radiological exercise in May and June

COSHOCTON-----

Preparing for Hospital exercise march 5... fldigi nets every Sunday night on 147.045 pl 71 9...ARES nets on Mondays at 8pm 145.23 repeater pl 71 9...
Aa8bn Coshocton co EC

CUYAHOGA COUNTY-----

Wintrak Training
Willowick Library Presentation
Winlink/Shares
POTA Chasing
Prep for ICS 400/200
NWS Hazardous Weather Briefing
CERT Training

DARKE-----

Normal ops

DELAWARE-----

ARES and club meetings, Directed Monday night net, unclassified contesting

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meeting, unclassified contesting etc.

DIST 8-----

We held our Thursday nets at 1945 and 4 weather nets when Meigs County was on Level 2 or 3 snow emergency.

DISTRICT #3, PREBLE-----

The attendance for the 4 nets in February was up from January.

DISTRICT 1-----

Sandusky:Hospital Net canceled, lack of operators. Siren net canceled by EMA due to extreme cold temperatures.
Lucas:Siren test,ARES in brief net, FLDIGI Net.
Seneca:Amateur radio breakfast, club meeting.

DISTRICT 5-----

Mahoning County conducted ARES leadership training. Stark County participated in the Freeze Your Acorns Off SES. Also conducting ongoing shack build project for MARC. Columbiana County held training on Winlink and practiced VARA P2P for upcoming radiologic drill.

DISTRICT 8-----

See Athens County report

DISTRICT 9-----

District 9 Nets each Saturday at 10am on 146.85 repeater Cambridge Amateur Radio association. Thank you CARA.

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Aa8bn D9 DEC

DISTRICT SIX-----

WEEKLY ARES AND GMRS NETS

FAIRFIELD-----

N/A

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

Planning & training continued for the 2026 Arnold Sports Festival. We have additional members participating. Reviewed proper radio usage and overall venue layout. Looking ahead to marathons over the next few months.

GEAUGA-----

After an exhaustive and painstaking review of every conceivable item within my purview, I am pleased to report that absolutely nothing of consequence has occurred.

GREENE COUNTY-----

Routine nets conducted by GCARES and other local clubs. Support for OHSDf including 3 members who are AUXC certified. One exercise in support of OHSDf. GCARES monthly meeting was the start of using VolunteerHam to register and survey members. The roster was wiped clean, roll expected to increase as others sign up, but a significant drop from previous numbers is expected. Volunteer recruiting underway for Xenia Marathon on March 29.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

ARES net each Tuesday night

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Revamping/moving ARES nets to another system

HOCKING COUNTY-----

4-repeater nets; 1-simplex net

HURON COUNTY-----

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JACKSON-----

N/A

JEFFERSON-----

Jefferson County ARES conducts a weekly on-air 2 Meter Training Net when no in-person meeting is scheduled. Nets combine Voice and Digital segments. In February the Net was called on 3 occasions. Average duration of the Net was 1 hour. Total individuals involved this month were 35.

KNOX COUNTY-----

weekly mass notification drills

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 some major contests to sharpen their CW and RTTY skills. Several members assisted in the new tower project where we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

Significant time this month was spent on Community presentations related of ARES and Amateur Radio by the SEC. ARES volunteers participated in the Timbuk Winter Run.

LORAIN-----

Limited due cold weather,

LUCAS-----

ARES IN BRIEF NETS, NTS TRAFFIC NETS, LUCAS COUNTY SIREN TEST NET, FLIDIGI NETS.

MADISON COUNTY OHIO-----

Routine net every Sunday

MAHONING COUNTY-----

2 ARES Voice Nets, 2 ARES Winlink Nets

MEDINA-----

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

Net participation includes voice, digital (FLDIGI) and Winlink Nets. Total of 60.7 person-hours. One Skywarn activation on 2/19 for Tornado Watch and subsequent Tornado Warning.

MORROW COUNTY-----

Weekly ARES net 9pm

NOBLE-----

Mostly had sessions with NTS

OTTAWA COUNTY-----

We have had a very busy month. We recruited two new members. We got weekly radio nets, monthly meeting, planning on new equipment, working on 501 C3 approval. We had a meeting with our local EMA officials that went very well. They will help update the radios in the emergency operation center.

PICKAWAY-----

Normal net activity.

RICHLAND CO.-----

weekly nets

SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO-----

1-Scheduled Hospital Net-Cancelled due to operator shortage

1-Scheduled Siren Net- Cancelled by EMA due to extreme cold temperatures

4-Weekly Traffic Nets

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

WEEKLY ARES VOICE NET ON 145.450 REPEATER

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SENECA COUNTY - OH-----

SENECA COUNTY ARES NET IA EVERY SUNDAY A 8:00 PM

STARK CO-----

Normal monthly club meeting for all 3 county clubs. Participate in Freeze your acorns off with PCARS Club. Ongoing Shack build project for MARC.

SUMMIT-----

N/A

TUSCARAWAS-----

Monday nite nets.

Mileage to/from the meeting = 60 miles, x 2 members

UNION-----

We have a weekly net on the 2m repeater and a simplex diginet if there is enough participants following the 2m reepater net on Sunday night at 8pm.

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Daily and weekly nets that include Fldigi, DMR and conventional voice traffic.

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO AEC-----

ARES NETS: 2/2-5, 2/9-7, 2/16-9, 2/23-3

Administrative and Other Comments:

ASHLAND COUNTY-----

None.

ATHENS-----

Upcoming events: April 4, 2026, Iron Furnace Trail Run at Lake Hope, Athens Full/Half Marathon April 18, 2026, Ohio Health Race for a Reason, Ohio University, April 25, 2026, Athens County ARA Athens Hamfest, Athens Community Center, April 26, 2026, 8 AM to noon.

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CLARK-----

N/A

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Things are picking up.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY-----

Administration: Number:20 Hous:63

DARKE-----

normal ops

DIST 8-----

An Aux Com meeting was held Feb. 2 at 1900 for the purpose of picking new ham equipment for the Meigs EOC.

DISTRICT #3, PREBLE-----

We had 1 SKYWARN activation on 02/19/2026 that had good participation from our Preble County members along with Wayne County Indiana ARES Group!

DISTRICT 1-----

The Northwest Ohio ARES Traffic and Training Net for February had 84 Check-ins, passed 105 pieces of traffic in 334 minutes in 16 sessions. Attended club meetings.

DISTRICT 5-----

Received reports from all counties.

DISTRICT 8-----

See Athens County report. Attended Athens County PIO Zoom meeting.

DISTRICT SIX-----

WEEKLY ARES AND GMRS

FAIRFIELD-----

N/A

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

Reviewing repeater system improvements.

GREENE COUNTY-----

Classroom space is reserved for a DHS/CISA AUXCOMM class. Government shutdown has made the availability of instructors uncertain. Planning in process for Hamvention and Air Force Marathon.

OH DEN has questionable value. The weekly net consists only of check-ins, no messages are ever sent. Leadership is not observed, he never participates in the net.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

Meeting with the EMA director to discuss ARES
Meeting with upcoming Marathon race staff and ARES support

HOCKING COUNTY-----

1-regular meeting; 1-radio night; 1-general class study session; 5 portable field operations

HURON COUNTY-----

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JACKSON-----

N/A

JEFFERSON-----

TRAINING: During February 2026 one monthly in-person meeting and 4 Training Nets were conducted. Member training focused on preparing for an upcoming COTS Exercise involving the Jefferson County Health Department and Trinity West Hospital to be held on March 5, 2026. No Community Service or Emergency events this month.
UNCLASSIFIED: Includes hours reported by individual members in the areas of Station Maintenance; ARES Administration; and Non-ARES on air operation.

LAKE-----

N/A

LICKING COUNTY-----

The EC has been a key member of the new tower transition.

Jeff N8ADX

LUCAS-----

ADIM, PLANNING, RESEARCH

MAHONING COUNTY-----

! ARES Leadership Team Meeting, 3 Club Meetings, 8 Club Nets

MEDINA-----

1 Training, 12 hours (monthly training second part of the meeting)
1 Emergency Event, FMC, 5 people for 5 hours = 25 hours
1 meeting, 12 hours (monthly meeting before the training)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-----

ARES Membership has been reduced as we start purging inactive persons from the roster.

MORROW COUNTY-----

Weekly breakfasts. Skywarn Training at EMA office. Attended meeting with EMA director. Went to Hamcation in Orlando

OTTAWA COUNTY-----

We continue to grow and streamline what we do. We are also expanding our relationship with the EMA. We will be starting a drone team to interface with the EMA, members will also be taking hazmat awareness classes, ICS 300 and 400, and damage assessment classes through the EMA.

PICKAWAY-----

No in-person due to the cold.

RICHLAND CO.-----

WEEKLY ARES AND GMRS WEEKLY NETS

SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO-----

5 hrs.Admin EC/AEC

5 hrs. Maintenance of radios/repeater project

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

ARES SITE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.

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SENECA COUNTY - OH-----

SENECA COUNTY ARES NET - MONTHLY AMATEUR RADIO BREAKFAST - HAM SALAD TRAINING - SENECA RADIO CLUB MEETING -

SUMMIT-----

N/A

TUSCARAWAS-----

Public Service Event - Snow Storm Fern- 3 days, 5 members reporting.

UNION-----

We worked with the Union County Amateur Radio Club to repair the 160m loop antenna at the Union County EMA Station 720 in preparation for the 160m contest.

We participated with the Union County Amateur Radio Club in the CQ world wide 160m SSB contest the weekend of the 28th.

WAYNE COUNTY-----

As the emergency coordinator I meet with members from our group twice weekly. Once a week for breakfast and once a week for lunch. The recent major snow event sparked interest from a neighboring county who wished to discuss amateur radio. This discussion is ongoing.

During a recent club meeting members were provided added instruction on skywarn net protocol. Training provided by the National Weather Service will take place at the end of March.

We hosted a training class for newly licensed amateur radio operators. This two-hour class covered a variety of topics for those who are just getting started.

Some preventative maintenance was performed on the primary VHF repeater enhancing its AllStar capabilities.

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO AEC-----

ARES Training on Net radio etiquette with 11 members, 3 members attended Basic SKYWARN Spotter Training by NWS Northern IN in Fort Wayne. 3 members were involved in an outreach event in a booth at a local gun show