

Report: Form4

Division: Great Lakes

Section: Ohio

Month/Year: January 2026

History: Reported by Mathew Nickoson, KC8NZJ, SEC on 2026-02-28 00:28:22 UTC

Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	44
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	88
4. Total number of ARES members:	1,206
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	629
6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	443
7. Number of participants in nets:	3,787

	Number Person-Hrs	
8. Exercises this month:	127	991.80
9. Training events this month:	170	1,290.50
10. Public service events this month:	45	525.00
11. Community service events this month:	22	439.70
12. Emergency events this month:	5	110.00
13. SKYWARN events this month:	24	271.50
14. Meetings this month:	123	2,767.30
15. Unclassified events this month:	547	2,290.00

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

AD8AK, AD8G, AF8E, AF8RJ, K8CVM, K8MD, KA5RUC, KA8OCG, KB8BKE, KB8IIH, KC8CAD, KC8PBU, KD8GSP, KD8JXP, KD8KIR, KD8TLD, KE8ANU, KE8CVP, KE8FHG, KE8GJL, KE8IDH, KE8JNH, KE8JNN, KE8OOE, KE8OTQ, KE8WSO, KE8ZHS, KZ8U, N8ADO, N8ADX, N8ME, N8OXQ, N8PVC, N8SUZ, W8DLB, W8HFZ, W8VHS, WB8YHD, WD8SAB, WD8SDH, WF8B

Activity Details:

ASHTABULA-----

Training was conducted on Public Service Event Coordinator, Rest Stops, and Major Event Emergency Preparedness

ATHENS-----

Tech license classes, Winter Field Day

BELMONT-----

had 8 folks show up for a few hours for winter field day

CLARK-----

N/A

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Another slow month.

COLUMBIANA-----

working with winlink training for Nuke Testing for this spring.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY-----

NWS CLE Winter Briefing

NWS Hazards Weekly Briefing

Winter Field Day

ARRL VE Re- Application

NWS CLE Winter Ice Spotting/Reporting

ISO 300 Training

NE Region 2 HCC Coalition Meeting

SCCA Ohio Winter Rallye Comms

D6-----

Weekly club meetings. Participated in Winter Field day

DARKE-----

held 4 general nets

DELAWARE-----

Skywarn Snow Net, Winter Field Day, LEPC, 2 ARES meetings, Directed Monday Night Net, Club meeting, unclassified contesting etc.

DIST 8-----

We conducted our weekly 2 meter nets on Thursdays at 7:45pm. We conducted weather nets during 23 Jan. -28 Jan. 2026.

DISTRICT 5-----

Mahoning County held 2 Voice Nets, 2 Winlink Nets and was also activated by Mahoning County EMA. In Stark County, the ARES group continued to prepare for Winter Field Day. They are also continuing to work on their shack and Comm center projects.

DISTRICT 8-----

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DISTRICT SIX-----

WEEKLY NETS SPECIAL WEATHER NETS

FAIRFIELD-----

N/A

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

ARES members participated with COSWN to track snow and ice accumulation statistics for the National Weather

Service. Maximum snow depth ~12". No ice accumulation reported.

GEAUGA-----

Ohio Winter Rally was a success, rally leadership was happy to have us.

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. One field deployed Winter Field Day team with some participation by home stations. GCARES monthly meeting cancelled due to weather. BARC WFD cancelled due to weather. GCARES was the topic at the BARC meeting; EC was invited to participate.

GUERNSEY COUNTY-----

During the winter storm from the 24th to the 26th activated 6 SKYWARN nets. Reports forwarded to county EMA director.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Reached out to Red Cross to inquire about served agency

HOCKING COUNTY-----

5-Repeater Nets; 1- 2m Simplex Net;

JACKSON-----

Winter Field Day

JEFFERSON COUNTY-----

Jefferson County ARES conducts a weekly on-air 2 Meter Training night when no in-person meeting is scheduled. Nets combine Voice and Digital segments. In January the Net was called up on 4 occasions. Average duration of the Net is 1 hour. Total individuals involved this month were 27.

KNOX COUNTY-----

Weekly Mass communication 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. We also had a few members participate in some major contests to sharpen their CW and RTTY skills.

Significant time this month was spent on preparation for final antenna mounting which came to a severe slow down due to nationwide snow event. "

LORAIN-----

net sessions to keep up skills/

LUCAS-----

ARES NW OHIO TRAFFIC AND TRAINING NETS, ARES IN BRIEF NETS, FLDIGI NETS, LUCAS COUNTY TORNADO SIREN MONTHLY TEST NET

MADISON COUNTY-----

Message handling training

MAHONING COUNTY-----

2 ARES Voice Nets, 2 ARES Winlink Nets, One Activation by EMA

MEDINA-----

Monthly Meeting, Monthly Training, Monthly Digital net using FLdigi

MONTGOMERY-----

Net participation includes voice, digital (FLDIGI) and Winlink nets. Total of 52.5 person hours.

NOBLE-----

passed two traffic items on OSSBN. One to recipient in Senecaville Oh, and one back to originator. Total minutes on net 409. Participated in Skywarn net on 1/24/26 with surrounding counties in D9 reporting weather conditions in area. Monitored local repeater frequencies thru ought Saturday and Sunday 1/24-1/25. Reported snowfall amounts to NWS Pittsburg.

PAULDING-----

ARES net first Monday every month

PICKAWAY-----

Normal net activity, in-person canceled due to weather.

RICHLAND CO.-----

WEEKLY NETS

SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO-----

1 Outdoor siren Net
1 Hospital Net
4 Weekly Traffic Nets

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

WEEKLY SCIOTO COUNTY ARES VOICE NET.

SENECA COUNTY - OH-----

SENECA COUNTY ARES NET IS EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:00 PM

STARK CO-----

Winter Field day prep and operation. Monthly 3 county club meeting and breakfasts / get togethers. On going shack building / Comm center projects.

TUSCARAWAS-----

Weekly nets

UNION COUNTY-----

We have a net on the 2m repeater then a simplex diginet that follows. We have been using winlink in p2p mode for the diginet

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Weekly DMR net followed by Fldigi Practice. Daily VHF nets as well.

WILLIAMS COUNTY OH-----

1/5 8 members, 1/12 5 members, 1/19 6 members, 1/26 6 members,

Administrative and Other Comments:

ATHENS-----

Snowfall measurements for RLX NWS office individual

BELMONT-----

New officers took over, Winter Field Day, And hopefully have the clubs Christmas on Feb. 7th if we don't get snowed in AGAIN!

CLARK-----

N/A

CLINTON COUNTY-----

Slow month.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY-----

Administration: 5-events 23-hours

Total Hours=396

D6-----

Met with EMA director to go over wants need and EMA status.

DARKE-----

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DIST 8-----

Operation Wintery Mix Twenty Six.

Forecasted impacts were higher than ultimately realized; however, the readiness posture allowed for rapid escalation if conditions deteriorated.

AUXCOMM maintained an effective readiness and monitoring posture throughout the operational period.

Communications systems remained reliable, and volunteer safety was prioritized.

DISTRICT 5-----

Mahoning County was activated by their county EMA for an Extreme Weather Event. They operated on 1/25/26 for 10 hours. No report was received from Summit County (excused by me) or Trumbull County.

DISTRICT 8-----

Consulted with local Red Cross on Chauncey flood mitigation =/response planning.

DISTRICT SIX-----

WEEKLY NETS

FAIRFIELD-----

Addition Emergency NETS due to Winter Storms of 2026.

FRANKLIN COUNTY-----

N/A

GEAUGA-----

We don't hold ARES nets, so I am counting GEARS nets as training events.

GREENE COUNTY-----

(continuing from last month) Meeting rooms reserved for most activities. Still working on finding a site for FEMA/DHS AUXCOMM class. Planning underway for Air Force Marathon.

Planning to move roster to VolunteerHam application. It is expected that the roster will decrease dramatically as the less-involved members fail to enroll.

HOCKING COUNTY-----

2-OHDEN Net; 2-OH DMR Net; 1-Remote Operation; 4-Portable Operations; 2-General Classification Upgrade Study Sessions.

JACKSON-----

N/A

JEFFERSON COUNTY-----

TRAINING: One monthly in-person meeting and 4 Training Nets. No Community service or Emergency events this month. UNCLASSIFIED: Includes hours reported by individual members for Station Maintenance, ARES Administration, and Non-ARES on air operation.

LAKE-----

N/A

LICKING COUNTY-----

As the new EC I have had transition meetings and transition training from the previous EC to slowly prepare me for new roles.

LUCAS-----

ADMIN DUTIES, PLANNING, MAINTENANCE, RESEARCH, TRUSTEE ELECTION

MAHONING COUNTY-----

! ARES Leadership Team Meeting, 2 Club Meetings, 4 Club Nets, 1 EMA Activation Jan. 25 2026 from 9 am to 7 pm for Extreme Weather event snowfall reporting and situational awareness 75 person Hrs.

MEDINA-----

1 Training, 17 hours (monthly training second part of the meeting)
1 Emergency Event, FMC, 6 people for 5 hours = 30 hours
1 meeting, 17 hours (monthly meeting before the training)

MONTGOMERY-----

None.

RICHLAND CO.-----

WEEKLY NETS GMRS NET WINTER WEATHER NET

SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO-----

3 Hrs EC Admin hrs

SCIOTO COUNTY-----

ALL ARES EQUIPMENT OPERATION NORMALLY.

SENECA COUNTY - OH-----

SENECA COUNTY ARES NET - MONTHLY AMATEUR RADIO BREAKFAST - SENECA RADIO CLUB MEETING

STARK CO-----

Stay Warm

TUSCARAWAS-----

snow storm Fern, info to be added to Feb. report

UNION COUNTY-----

We did not have a meeting this month.

WAYNE COUNTY-----

Uneventful month with members watching the weather but no communication failures in this area.