Hi gang, Here are the April ARES activity reports. Thanks to the EC that make this KAR possible. Orlan

At 1310, May 5, 2007, Shawnee County ARES (AMCOM) was requested to send out with the command trailer 8 MTS -2000 from our cache portables, AMCOM HT’s number 1,6,7,8,9,10, 11, 12; (8) spare batteries from AMCOM, 6 base chargers with wall worts, and our spare van repeater. 4 TPD officers left with the command trailer from the Fire Academy about 1355, with the possibility of more TPD and SSO to go out if needed, for the Greensburg tornado on May 4. AMCOM II was not deployed at this time. We have more equipment that can be deployed if requested. The last information that we had was the TFD command trailer was to be staged at Pratt Armory and would let us know if more communications equipment was to be deployed. We had all equipment to the station for deployment by 1345 and they left about 10 minutes later. We also had the understanding that more equipment and manpower may be requested from Alpha 1. We are awaiting information from TPD on scene. Just thought everyone would like to know.

73

Cindy NØYUR
Alpha 1 Assistant EC

Alpha 1 has been put into a standby by mode for possible deployment of AMCOM and volunteers to go to Rossville, as there is the possibility of Cross Creek flooding. They already have command post up and running, and sand is being delivered for sand bags. So far there has not been a request for ham radio and no evacuations as of this time.

APRIL 2007 MONTHLY ARES REPORT TO DEC & SEC
From Alpha 4 (Johnson County KS) ARES
Total of ACTIVE ARES members: 85
Membership increase or decrease since last report: +6
Local Net Name: Johnson County ARES
NTS liaison is maintained with the KS SSB Net: Dan Reed N0ZIZ Jim Andera K0NK George McCarville WB0CNK Jim Cordill KI0BK Debbie Britain AB0UY June Jeffers KB0WEQ Rich Britain N0ENO Terry Reim WA0DTH Wretha Galeener KC0HHO
NTS CW Net: Dan Reed N0ZIZ
Net Sessions: 46
QNI: 298
QTC: 11
4 nets = 2meter voice
3 nets = CW
3 nets = 6 meter
3 nets = 2meter voice simplex
4 nets = point to point packet
4 nets = 1.25m
3 nets = PSK 31
3 nets = simplex packet
4 nets = 70cm
4 nets = 75meter SSB
4 nets = Slow Scan TV
4 nets = SATERN 2-Meter Net
3 nets = SATERN APRS Net

We have added a SATERN APRS Net to the list of weekly nets. Larry N0MTC is the Net Control station. Just send an APRS message to N0MTC any time before 6:00PM on Tuesday to be counted as a net check-in for that night's APRS Net.

Johnson County ARES continues its growth toward a goal of 100 members. This month's total tips the needle at 85, and we are always actively recruiting for more. One of the way we get new members is through the Ham classes that KC4WCG & myself put on around the metro, the April class yielded 15 new hams, and brings our total since October to 75. JOCO ARES represented amateurs across the state at the Kansas Emergency Managers Support Association conference in Topeka. KC0NYS covered the different capabilities that emergency managers could rely on in times of communications disasters. I also demonstrated how effectively their weather spotters could use APRS to give themselves total situational awareness during weather events, or any disaster.

Hospitals are the new focus for served agencies in the Kansas City Metro, and we are working with them so they can have their Ham radio infrastructure in place, and also have some of their non-clinical staff get their licenses. During times of pandemic or lockdown, their will be no other way for them to activate the ham radio groups, so it is important to have resources on the inside. At the Ararat Hambash we demonstrated how JOCO ARES and ECS use UI-View as their APRS solution, and gave hints on how to get started using APRS.

May begins the busy season for public service events. I encourage everyone in NE Kansas to join Larry' Staples (W0AIB) mailing list so you can stay current
with the latest info about Ham radio. I also encourage you to get out and participate in a couple of these events. There is no better practice for when the real emergency happens, and it gives you a chance to try new modes in the field without quite so much pressure.

Emergency Coordinator = Brian Short KC0BS 913-638-7373
Alternate Emergency Coordinator = Jim Andera K0NK 913-884-6613

Assistant Emergency Coordinators:
June Jeffers KB0WEQ 913-856-8674
George McCarville WB0CNK
Matt May KC4WCG
Darren Martin N0MZW
Stan Frear KC0NXJ
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◆ April 2007 ARES Dist 3A Activity Report
Zone 3A sessions = 35 QNI = 514 QTC = 51
SkyWarn Activation = 4

Severe weather has been in full swing in our area. We assisted during two big nights of tornado outbreaks in April and the possibility of more in the next few days. Several large tornados worked through several counties in early April causing lots of damage, injuries and one death in NE Colorado. A second set of tornados on the 23rd kept our SkyWarn net active from 4:30 – midnight. One tornado cut across I-70 between Brewster and Levant causing damage to farms, grain bins and power lines. Once it entered Rawlins County, it destroyed a farmstead. No injuries were reported. Again our 2-Meter and APRS link with the NWS Office in Goodland served us well. Al KB0ZXY, EC for 3D and Science Officer at the Goodland Office, has incorporated our APRS tracker info onto an overlay of their radar. They know exactly were we are and provide precise information on storm location. In turn, we are able to provide accurate and timely ground truth to their observations. Tornado warnings were both initiated and extended based on our reports to them. We will hold an informal swap meet this Saturday to allow some of the newer members a chance to check out some unneeded equipment some of us have.

On a personal note, I have dealt with a problem knee for most of my life. The knee problem is combined with a serious hip problem. A visit to the Orthopedic Doc in Salina discovered the reason for the problem. My hip never formed correctly at birth and is now rubbing bone on bone. The short story to this is that I am curtailed from waling any distances and must schedule a hip replacement as soon as possible. They advise that this will slow me down for several months as they are going to try to correct a few things while they are at it. I
anticipate the need to turn over EC and SkyWarn duties to someone until I get up and running again. I will keep everyone posted as to when and who I ask to assist with these duties during this down time.

Total ARES membership = 24

Thanks & 73

Michael Albers K0FJ ARES EC Dist 3A
Assistant Thomas County Emergency Management Director

◆ April 07 Zone 6E Net report

Total nets...........4

Total QNI..........34

Traffic.............2

Stations: N0KQX, N0OXQ, N0OMC, KC0AMF, K0EQH, WB0QYA, K0BAJ, KX0L, N0YK, AC0E, KC0WO, KC0JSD, K0LZR

Rod K0EQH -NCS
◆ April 2007 Zone Zone 5 E (Echo) Monthly ARES Activity Report

Total ARES members: 9
ARES Net Information: GSPARC Sunday 9pm 147.30MHz

ARES
Monthly Activity: 4 nets
QNI (ARES):
QNI = 60 QTC = (ARES): 07

Great Salt Plains Amateur Radio Club (GSPARC) KS/OK state line Radio club
See at http://rfcomply.com/products_services/miscellaneous_info/amateur_radio_club/
June 2 Great Salt Plains hog cook at the Bunkhouse contest station and we will work the VHF contest the next weekend need help all bands 50MHz to 10GHZ
The Great Salt Plains Amateur Radio Club (GSPARC) members run the KB0HH contest station in CQWW and SS.

Steve Walz K0UO Kiowa, KS

Headed for Dayton this month

◆ Subject: ARES report for zone F2
McPherson County Zone F2 had a total of 35 checkins from 5 nets on
147.33mhz+. One Routine message was sent from the EC to all members checking into the net for a training exercise on 4/15/07. One new member to ARES brings our county total to 18 members
WD0EUF EC Zone F2

◆ APR 2007 ARES report
ARES Dist 6F
4-1-2007 1 Net QNI-7 QTC-0
4-8-2007 1 Net QNI-5 QTC-0
4-15-2007 1 Net QNI-7 QTC-0
4-22-2007 1 Net QNI-5 QTC-0
4-29-2007 1 Net QNI-7 QTC-0
Total 5 Nets QNI-32 QTC-0
No SKYWARN activation for April
Steve Benson NØBTH
EC Dist 6F
n0bth@arrl.net

◆ Subject: Zone C4 Mar 2007 Monthly ARES Activity Report
Total ARES members: 38
ARES Net Information:
ARES
a. ARES/RACES NET 145.330 (-) N0KOA RPT Thursday 1930 LOCAL
b. LEAVENWORTH COUNTY ARES NET; 147.000 (+) KS0LV RPT Sunday 1930 LOCAL

Non-ARES Net Information:
a. PKARC NET 147.000 (+) KS0LV RPT Wednesday 1930 LOCAL
b. W0ROO UHF Net 444.8 (+) Sunday 1915 LOCAL

Important Points of Contact:
Leavenworth County ARES EC - Paul Backs, KC0JCQ
NTS Liaison: Paul Backs, KC0JCQ
Official Emergency Station: Rick Reichert - KF4LM
Army MARS Liaison: Ric Nelson - KA3LOC
Navy/Marine Corps MARS Liaison: Ed Menard - KD7QOR
President of PKARC (Club Call KS0LV): Dan Borneman - W9JXZ
Assistant Emergency Coordinators for Zone C4 ARES:
Gary Auchard, WB0MNA w0ebb@juno.com
Susan Backs, KC0JCR
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Mac McConnell, W0ROO N/A
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Doug Thomas, KC5VKG kc5vkg@yahoo.com

Monthly Activity:
NETS: See attachment below
QNI (ARES): 89 QTC (ARES):
  08
QNI (Non-ARES): 37 QTC (Non-ARES):
  03
*Non-ARES is Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club unless noted otherwise.

Public Service Activities (see comments below):
NTS Traffic:
  Originate: 00
  Sent: 00
  Received 00
  Delivered 00
  Total 00

Chuck would like to see the operators have the following 3 courses if at all possible. He serves as the State of Kansas ICS coordinator. He also assists in getting the training out to the communities. The ICS 300 and 400 will come to Leavenworth in late March and early April and again in June and July.

http://www.nimstraining.com/download_center/index.htm#documents
<http://www.nimstraining.com/download_center/index.htm> all you need to know and more on NIMS

ICS 700 this is the basic overview of the program-
http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is700.asp about 45 minutes to an hour to take

ICS 100 this course leads into a little more of the nuts and bolts of the Management and control of the program-
http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is100.asp 1 to 2 hours to take

ICS 200 this course is a little more elevated in the procedures and how the system works to branch management teams, this gets into the ICS forms and such.
http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is200.asp 1 to 2 hours to take

He says: "The ICS 300 and 400 are very advance and get real in-depth with Command and control, I don't think that this would apply to many but maybe 1 or 2 if they can spare 16 to 24 hours for each in course which must be taught with a multiple discipline group. You can not teach to just amateurs and come away with the full concept of the course."
As far as the ICS 800- http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is800.asp it will be up to your club if they decide to have it again a 1 hour online and it is done, this course speaks of the National Response Plan and the Emergency Support Functions within (ESF's) There is a couple that would pertain to your amateurs which I have attached the ESF’s functions and roles.

The ICS 702- http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is702.asp pertains to just Public information which would not come to play but with maybe a couple folks."

The courses Chuck recommends (three) will become mandatory in the future.

Chuck is also looking for assistance for an exercise drill we will have on the 28th of April. He would like at least 5 amateurs the morning of at 8:45am until approximately 1200. Please contact me if you are available and would like to participate. This is great opportunity to see how would support these events in the real world. The last exercise in March was a great success and an eye opener for some.

Also, if you have taken one or more of the classes noted above please send me the digits for the certificate so I can print it off and staple it to your ARES registration sheet.

I don’t say it often enough, but thank you all for your support to the community.

73s,
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Net Activity:

145.33 1 Mar 07 ARES Net Club Night
QNI: 0 QTC: 0 TOTAL CHECK-INS: 0 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

147.00 2 Mar 07 ARES Net KC0PDY, AB0UY, W0ROO, KA3LOC, KC0VRN, KC0RUR, KC0ZTD, KC0JCQ, W9JXZ, KA0DJR, N0ENO, KF4LM, KC0LPO, N0DYA; KC5VKG-NCS
QNI: 14 QTC: 1 TOTAL CHECK-INS:14 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

147.000 7 Mar 07 PKARC Net KC0RUR, W0ROO, KC0PDY, KC0ZTA, WB0IEL, KC0ZTD, KC0VRN, KC0TJX, N0XCM, KC0TID, KC0ZTB, N0DYM and KF4LM; NCS KE0DL
QNI: 13 QTC: 1 TOTAL CHECK-INS: 13 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0
145.33 8 Mar 07 ARES Net W0ROO, KC0VRN, and KC0RUR; NCS KA0DJR
QNI: 3 QTC: 1 TOTAL
CHECK-INS: 3 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

147.000 11 Mar 07 ARES Net KC0JCQ, KE0DL, W9JXZ, N0ENO, KC0JCR, KC0LPO, KC0RUR, KC0PDY, W0ROO, N0XCM, KD7QOR, AB0UY, KC0QIG, KC0ZTD, KC0VRN, KA3LOC, KC0RYF, KC0ZEF, KC0RRS, KC0RVR, KC0ZTB, NCS KC5VKG
QNI: 21 QTC: 1 TOTAL
CHECK-INS: 21 MESSAGES HANDLED: 1

147.000 14 Mar 07 PKARC Net KC0CVS, KC0VRN, N0XCM, KC0RUR, W9JXZ, KA0DJR, KC0PDY, KC0QIG, KC0ZTB, KC0ZEF, KC0CLX, KE0DL and KF4LM.; NCS W0ROO
QNI: 13 QTC: 1 TOTAL CHECK-INS: 13
MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

145.33 15 Mar 07 ARES Net KC0PDY, KE0DL, W0ROO, KC0RUR, WB0IEL, KC0JCR, KC0JCQ, and KC0ZTD; NCS KA0DJR
QNI: 8 QTC: 1 TOTAL
CHECK-INS: 8 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

147.000 18 Mar 07 ARES Net W0ROO, KC0RUR, KC0VRN, KA3LOC, KF4LM, KC0RRS, KC0QIG, KC0ZTE, KC0ZTD, KC0JCQ, KA0DJR, KC0PDY, K0MDS, KC0PTL, NCS - KC5VKG
QNI: 14 QTC: 1 TOTAL
CHECK-INS: 14 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

147.000 21 Mar 07 PKARC Net No Record Available
QNI: 0 QTC: 1 TOTAL
CHECK-INS: 0 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

145.33 22 Mar 07 ARES Net KE0DL, KC0JCQ, W0ROO, K0MDS, KC0PTL, KC0QIG, KC0PDY, KC0RUR, KC0ZTD, WB0IEL, and WB0MNA; NCS KA0DJR
QNI: 11 QTC: 1 TOTAL
CHECK-INS: 11 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

147.000 25 Mar 07 ARES Net KA0DJR, W9JXZ, W0ROO, K0TID, KC0VRN, KC0ZTD, K0MDS, KC0PTL, KC0PDY, KC0ZEF, N0ENO, KC0WLC, K0WWV,
KC5VKG - NCS
QNI: 13 QTC: 1 TOTAL
CHECK-INS: 13 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

147.000 28 Mar 07 PKARC Net KC0QOR, WB0IEL, KC0PDY,
N0HDX, KC0ZTB, KC0ZTA, KC0VRN, KC0QIG, KC0RUR, KD7QOR, KC0TID, NCS W0ROO
QNI: 11 QTC: 1 TOTAL
CHECK-INS: 11 MESSAGES HANDLED: 0

145.33 29 Mar 07 ARES Net KE0DL, W0ROO, KC0PDY,
KC0ZTD, and WB0IEL; NCS KA0DJR
QNI: 5 QTC: 1 TOTAL CHECK-INS: 5 MESSAGES
HANDLED: 0

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