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Kansas ARES Activities

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From the Ks ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator:
To: All Kansas Amateur Radio operators Club news editors -- widest dissemination requested
'Tis amazing how much we enjoy our hobby of Amateur Radio as individuals involved in our own little cocoon, how easy it is to criticize others when the cocoon is attacked by elements beyond our control and things just don't go right.
I guess that is when some, expect all the rest of us, or at least those of us committed to Public Service, to stand up and be accounted for by the multitude.
YES, to have a PLAN set up to cover all the unexpected circumstances is ideal, however no one can write that PLAN to cover every expected development involved when disaster strikes. Those of us that do attempt to write said plans are continuously making changes to stay abreast of the current data available. That means changes almost daily, if not hourly.
Remember also, most of those changes come about due to the help of others that do care and want to make sure that some one, some where does have your current capability to assist with emergency communications.
KANSAS ARES does have a plan of intended reaction to events involving disasters. Basically it is one of communicating with proper people (like the so called Chain of Command). Who is 'In Charge' of ARES communications when a disaster hits? The local (appointed) Emergency Coordinator.
Or, perhaps the Assistant EC depending on the situation at hand. Could even be you at the exact moment. What is our job? Communication of course! Do we assist other organizations and agencies involved in disasters? Yes, if we have planned to do so, previously. If not we stand ready to assist as requested, if possible. What do you do if manpower / equipment is not enough to get the job done locally? The chain of command!
Next step is the District Emergency Coordinator and if the situation is not solved at that level, the Section Emergency Coordinator is next, and so on. We don't expect every one to have all the resources to solve the unexpected. However I am sure they are out there and can be utilized if needed. Then too, remember, not every emergency on your part is the only one going on at any given time. All the more reason to be sure the 'Chain of Command’ is fully advised of each and every event / disaster etc going on within your particular zone.
Distribution of man power and equipment as needed / requested can come faster, due to the
fewer calls having to be made. That means informing the "chain" as to who is already involved. Hourly / daily information reports are a MUST. Most situations involving the need for additional communication can be solved locally IF: the EC has a good ARES membership involved. IF all the local resources are known. IF the local EC has shared the resource files with the DEC and SEC. IF the local EC has made the proper contacts with agencies / groups that might need our communication services.

A plan of Mutual Aid communications is in a continuous working mode. Bob Hanake WG0Q and his crew are giving a hand to keep this vital link up to date for Kansas ARES.

Our need - plan for perfect transmitting conditions has been requested, however, not in our hands. Therefore we must always improvise to the best of our ability with each and every situation as they arise. Not knowing where, when and how bad the situation, also causes additional concerns. The more we work together, instead of apart, will be to our advantage. Our Kansas network (KSBN, KWN, QKS, QKS-SS, CSTN and others) are most definitely a vital part of Emergency Communication success.

Will you become a part of the emergency communication team(s) set up in KANSAS? Please contact your local EC and let him / her know just how you might be available when the time for HAM RADIO to whines becomes evident? Don't be the thorn in the side of those attempting to get a job done. Follow your leader, assist to the utmost, then help pat your fellow HAM on the back with praise and encouragement not a kick in the butt.

Need to know who to contact?? Start with KB0DTI our State Manager and or myself K0BXF, Section Emergency Coordinator. Prepare yourself to be of assistance in some way before the next time a disaster or need for emergency communication arises.

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August 07 Zone 6E ARES Net Report

Total Nets Held........4
Total Check Ins.......30

Stations participating: N0KQX, N0OXQ, WB0QYA, N0OMC, KC0AMF, KA0ASH, K0EQH, AC0E, KC0IVP, KC5IQL, K0BAJ

Rod K0EQH
NCS 6E

P.S. I hope it doesn't cause an earthquake, but I got on CW and worked K0ASA at Pony Express Spec Event...Gads I was bad!

August report for Zone 2A
73, Dave K0KSI
Total number of ARES members: 8 Change since last month: 0
Local Net Name: Marshall/Washington County ARES Net Total sessions: 4 (QNI=21, QTC=0)
NTS liaison is maintained with the Kansas Sideband Net: Yes, NØNB
Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: Person hours
Number of public service events this month: __________ Person hours _____
Number of emergency operations this month: Person hours:

Total number of ARES operations this month: ________ Total Person hours _____
Comments: Local Net is Sunday @ 9pm local time, 147.285+ Repeater
Signature: David Crawford Title: Zone 2A EC Call sign: KØKSI
Please send to your SEC or DEC as appropriate by 2nd of the month FSD-212 (1-04)

August 2007 report for Butler County.
Number of hams registered in the county: 10 – and growing!
Number of net sessions held each month: weekly; nets starting week of 2 Sep 07
Number of QNI: 0 – net just established on 147.150+
8 – net previous established on 146.895-
Number of messages handled: 0
Public Service Events: 1
One public service event was held this month: Mike Banks, KD0BIA, and Cowley County
Emergency Coordinator Brian Stone invited Randy Wing (N0LD) and Samantha Wing
(KC0MTM) to participate in a Cowley County emergency preparation exercise on 25 August
2007. The exercise was based on a hypothetical set of shooters at the High School in
Arkansas City. 5 amateur radio operators participated – they shadowed the Cowley County
CERT team which were assigned road block locations around the perimeter of the school.
Problems with the CERT team radios (low batteries) allowed our ham radio volunteers to keep
transmissions flowing to/from the road blocks to the Incident Commander. 6 hours
contributed by each of 3 Butler County ARES members. The ARES group just established a
Yahoo Web group: ButlerCountyKansasARES.
If you are interested in joining, please send n0ld@arrl.net an email.
The Butler County Emergency Communications Plan is in development. Nets are held weekly
on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on 147.150+ and on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM on 146.895+. We do not
currently suppot an HF net – that will be considered as part of the emergency
communications plan. Jim Enix, KC0QIE, is the only current Assistant Emergency Coordinator
for Butler County. I expect to recruit at least one more AEC in the next month or two.
Respectfully submitted,
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ARES REPORT for AUG 2007 for DIST 6F
8-5-07 1 NET QNI-5 QTC-0
8-12-07 2 NETs QNI-8 QTC-0
8-19-07 1 NET QNI-5 QTC-0
8-26-07 1 NET QNI-8 QTC-0
TOTAL 5NETs QNI-26 QTC-0
SKYWARN

No Skywarn activity for AUG
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Zone 2F
32 checkins, no traffic, one test of the telephone tree, 4 weekly nets on 147.33+.
WD0EUF Stan

Here is Zone B2 report for Aug:
NCK ARES/RACES net
Sessions 2 QNI 27 QTC 1
New ARES Registrations: 5
73
Stan, WAØCCW

August 2007 ARES Dist 3A Activity Report
Zone 3A sessions = 34 QNI = 451 QTC = 88
SkyWarn Activation = 1
I missed the Salina Hamfest due to slow recovery from the knee replacement (mainly due to
the hip that will be replaced on Oct 29th.) K0BJ has been acting EC but will now get bogged
down with harvest. He will take over again the end of October till the end of the year
Our meeting attendance and HF net attendance have dropped off with the return of school
and busy schedules. Our noon SkyWarn net with the NWS Office in Goodland continues to
have good participation as we progress from summer storms to winter snows.
Total ARES membership = 19
Thanks & 73
Michael Albers K0FJ ARES EC Dist 3A
Assistant Thomas County Emergency Management Director

AUGUST 2007 MONTHLY ARES REPORT TO DEC & SEC
From Alpha 4 (Johnson County KS) ARES
Total of ACTIVE ARES members: 90
Membership increase or decrease since last report: +2
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: 33
QNI: 228
QTC: 10
4 nets = 2meter voice
4 nets = CW
4 nets = 6 meter
4 nets = 2meter voice simplex
0 nets = point to point packet
4 nets = 1.25m
4 nets = PSK 31 SATERN
2 nets = simplex packet
3 nets = 70cm
3 nets = 75meter SATERN SSB
1 nets = Slow Scan TV

JOCO ARES members have been active all throughout August at public service events, and many traveled to the state convention. Matt May, KC4WCG and myself, KC0BS, just graduated our 100th Public Safety official from our Technician Ham class. JOCO ARES will be one of the first volunteer agencies in the Metro to receive true credentials in the new ID system. Matt & I have mentioned many times how important this is when disaster strikes, and secure perimeters are in place. If you can't get into the disaster, you can't serve!

Even more important, is the inclusion of Ham radio in the Emergency Plans of our served agencies. Hams in Johnson County are included in the emergency operations plans of all of our served agencies, and we have MOU's with county Emergency Management, as well as the major cities. We still have a lot more work to do in getting the word out on our capabilities, and getting ourselves included in the high level emergency planning, otherwise, when disaster happens, no one thinks to call upon us. Miami, Douglas & Shawnee have similar initiatives that have had great success, I hope others across the state are making strides as well.

73 de KC0BS
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Printable Ks ARES map. CLICK>>> http://www.cenkares.org/

Thank you all for the reports. You set a very good example of what Kansas ham radio is about. You are there for your community. ed

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