

# Mississippi Section Report for January 2020

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Assistant SEC for Operations AA1NA reports that the 2019 SET Results have been submitted to ARRL Headquarters. The SET was held on Saturday, August 2, 2019 from 9 AM until 9 PM CDT. The scenario was a simulated request from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for seismographic reports from around the state due to an earthquake in Northwest Mississippi. Individual ARES groups were independently supplied values to report to the MEMA when called on for a double blinded test of effective communication. The Mississippi Section Phone Net, the Magnolia Section Phone Net, and the Mississippi NBEMS nets were activated to call for and relay seismographic data throughout the SET. About 128 ARES operators participated in the SET generating over 4500 pieces of traffic. The national results will be published in the July issue of QST.

Desoto County EC KF5WVJ notes that the County was struck on January 11 by an EF1 tornado in the Love Community southwest of Hernando and an EF2 in the Lewisburg Community. At approximately 5:00 AM. KF5KVL, KG5TTU, and AG5FG were on weather watch at the Desoto County EOC observing the storms moving into the area when they received a tornado warning around 4:15 AM.

When the ARES Repeater went off-the-air DEC KB0ZTX was able to move checkins over to the backup repeater to continue warning notifications and gathering storm reports due to tornado damage.

As storm reports were coming in EC KF5WVJ and Tate County EC KG5TTU left the EOC in a County vehicle to assist the DeSoto County EMA (DCEMA) with traffic control in Lewisburg where they relieved a fire crew that was blocking the road for downed power lines. They also assumed traffic control.

At approximately the same time DEC KB0ZTX deployed to provide initial damage assessments in the College Park Area. He also began a welfare check for an individual's father that had contacted the EOC and stated that the Sheriff's Department had not made it to the home at that time and needed someone to check on the father's wellbeing. Ken further coordinated clearing of trees on property at the individual's home to gain access for the utility company and EMA/MEMA.

After the secondary search of both areas was completed, KF5WVJ had by this time put out the call for all available ARES/RACES/EMA Reserves. They ended up with a total of 18 members that could go out and conduct windshield damage assessments for the DCEMA. They followed up Sunday with Door Knock damage assessments and again on Monday and Tuesday with ride along, carrying state EMA members to verify damage assessments. They continued this assistance for 8 days with 1 to 2 ARES members manning the EOC to field phone calls from citizens in the damage area and to set them up with charities to help with clean up.

Ricky says his team went from 0 to 110 in literally 0.2 seconds and never missed a beat. They were able to assist the DCEMA and take the place of at least 20 firemen, ambulance drivers, policemen in order to allow them to continue to protect people and property and save lives while ARES was doing damage assessments, monitoring the weather for the initial rescue efforts, and assisting at the EOC.

Scott County EC K1REZ advises that on the morning of January 11 AEC KF5VVU activated the Scott County ARES Team and the Scott County Severe Weather Net upon Scott County being issued a tornado warning by the National Weather Service Forecast office in Jackson. An F2 tornado was on the ground for three miles in the town of Forest where it downed trees and power lines. Since cell Phone communication in Scott County was not affected, the team handled Storm Spotter Reports for the NWS and kept local Hams, whose power had been knocked out, informed as to the locations of the storm cells.

Forrest County EC KF5TEX notes that ARES is hosting the first District 8 meeting planned for the February 22. Further, the Southeast Mississippi Emergency Net was activated on January 11. Reports were coming in early in the morning during an open net on 146.775. At 10:05 AM the net was formally activated by KF5TEX at Stage One on 146.670. The Net was activated due to several severe thunderstorms and tornado warnings near the area. The area was under tornado watch till 10:00 PM monitoring an approaching squall line. No major damages reported during the Net session.

Attala County EC reports that Mid-Mississippi ARC started a fundraiser on December 24 to raise funds to place an ARRL Book Set in the Kosciusko Public Library. The Book Set has been fully funded and the books have been ordered

Lauderdale County EC KB5SZJ advises that they have a new digital repeater to be installed soon and should be in operation within the next month. Also, ARES held a Technician Class in Clarke County for 9 students with the test to be held in February

Adams County EC notes that the 146.31/91 Repeater is back on the air. The range is limited for now, but it should be back to normal soon.

Yalobusha County AEC KD5NDU reports that the new 3in1 2.0 APRS TNC is in and is temporarily at the KD5NDU QTH before it is moved to the repeater site. Right now, it is igating both ways on messages, digrepeating, and soon could be sending out weather reports in the area as soon as the cables come in for the weather station.

Club President KD5DHR advises that on January 11 the Vicksburg ARC provided communication for Chill in the Hills which is sponsored by Grace Christian Counseling. Chill in the Hills is a 10k/ 5K foot race. The event organizer was N5KWT and event net controller was W5WAF. Other volunteers were KG5YEE, KG5OVR, K5VXV, KC5GIB, KC5VTN, N5JGK, and KD5DHR.

On your long-range calendar note the Pinebelt Hamfest in Hattiesburg on March 7 at the Forest County Community Shelter adjacent to the Forrest County Multipurpose Center, see

[www.hburg.net](http://www.hburg.net) for more info; the Mississippi QSO Party on April 4-5, see [www.arrlmiss](http://www.arrlmiss) for rules; Field Day on June 27-28; and the ARRL Day in the Park in Vicksburg date TBD.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in January: KF5TEW, Randall – Picayune; KI5HIU, James – Gulfport; and KG5ZFA, John – Bay Saint Louis.

Also, congratulations to KF5WVJ who successfully completed ARRL course PR 101 - “Public Relations for Radio Amateurs.”

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in January: KI5HSR, Michael – Southaven; KI5HTA, Jerica – Batesville; KI5HVD, Jesse – Pass Christian; and KI5HZE, Billy – Saucier.

Also, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in January: K5ADX, Tommie – Lamar; KF5AGE, John – Biloxi; KI5GDY, Levi – Vardaman; KI5GDZ, Jonathan – Vardaman; WH6GFX, Carl – Gautier; KI5GUP, Richard – Ocean Springs; KI5HOU, James – Gulfport; W5JMJ, McLeod – Pelahatchie; KD5JOF, Charles – Durant; KD5QEO, James – Bassfield; W5TT, Barry – Glen; KF5TWK, William – Olive Branch; KE5UGA, Gabriel – New Albany; and KE5WGF, David – Laurel;

ARRL membership in Mississippi is now 984 up one from last month.

And last, but not least, welcome to KG5IXV as EC for Newton County and WA5CAM as an AEC for Adams County.

SEC/ASEC/DEC Reports for January 2019: KC5IMN (SEC), W5DIX (ASEC – Digital), K1REZ (ASEC – Training), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (DEC NW MS).

EC Reports for January 2020: K5ATA (Panola), K5CRJ (AEC) Harrison, AE5FK (Walthall), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), AD7KJ (Franklin), AF5NG (Marion), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), K1REZ (Scott), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin), AA5SG (Jones/Wayne), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), KF5TEX (Forrest), KG5WJM (Jasper), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), KB5ZEA (Attala), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

OES Report: WB5AKR

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): the Meridian ARC Spark Gap (W5MAV)

Regret to report the passing of W5JMO of Oxford. Jim was a retired chemistry professor at Ole Miss. Further, regret to report the passing of KF5MWE of Quitman. Gary was Emergency Coordinator in Clarke County.

HF Net Reports – sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

Hattiesburg ARC HF Net 5/39/0 (KD5XG)

K5TAL Net 5/70/0 (WV1Q)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1208/3 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/25/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2426/12 (W5JGW)

VHF Net Reports - sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

Adams County ARES 3/34/0 (N5KDA)

Attala County ARES Net 1/4/0 (KB5ZEA) One Skywarn Net

Capital Area Emergency Net 4/43/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Training and Information Net 4/96/0 (KF5WVJ) One Skywarn and One Em Net

Forrest/Perry Counties Net ARES 4/53/0 (KF5TEX) One Skywarn and One Emergency Net

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Net 5/68/8 (KD5XG)

Hattiesburg ARC 2 M Simplex Net 1/10/0 (KD5XG)

Jackson ARC Emergency Net 4/40/0 (K5XU)

Jasper County ARES Net 6/34/0 (KG5WJM) One Skywarn Net

Jones/Wayne Counties ARES 4/66/0 (AA5SG)

Madison County ARES 1/6/0 (W5DIX) Repeater down

Marion County ARES Net 4/19/0 (AF5NG)

Marshall County ARES – meets with DeSoto County Net (KB0ZTX)

Mississippi Coast ARES, Weather, and Tech Net 4/69/0 (K5CRJ)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/22/0 (KB5SZJ)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 2/16/0 (AE5SK)

MSU ARC Net 4/107/1 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 4/54/0 (W3PII)

Panola County ARES 3/11/0 (K5ATA)

Scott County ARES Training Net 5/47/0 (K1REZ) One Skywarn Net

Southwest MS ARES Team 6/16/0 (N5ZNT) Two Skywarn Nets

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 4/83/0 (KA5ICO)

University of Mississippi ARES Net 4/49/0 (KF5IMA)

Vicksburg ARC MLEN Net 5/115/0 (KD5DHR)

Walthall County ARES Net 4/40/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County ARES 2/4/0 (KD5NDU) One Skywarn Net

#### Digital Net Reports

EMTARG 461 (WB5AKR)

K5TAL Digital Net 5/59/0 (WV5Q)

MS Winlink Net 2/24/0 (W5DIX)

NMEMS 4/38/3 (W5DIX)

Traffic: K5LAM 626, KA5DON 42, W5XX 8, and KG5FRZ 6.

PSHR: KA5DON: 106, W5XX 83