

Mississippi Section Report for July 2017

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SEC KC5IMN reports that on August 5 Mississippi ARES conducted its annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET). The main purpose of the SET was to evaluate strengths and weaknesses in Amateur Radio emergency preparedness as well as to demonstrate Amateur Radio to our served agencies and the general public.

The simulated events scripted into the SET scenario included severe thunderstorms (a Derecho Event) causing power outages, as well as hardline and wireless communications infrastructure disruptions. ARES responded by deploying operators to provide simulated emergency communications in support of Public Safety, Public Service, as well as State and Local Government entities. ARES operated from 9 AM to 9 PM and saw many check-in's statewide including significant support from Louisiana ARES teams. ARES activated MEMA and several county EOC's and were able to successfully pass voice and data traffic on HF, VHF, and UHF frequencies.

The SET Scenario did not allow the use of cellphones, landline power, hardline telephone, or internet during the SET. In that 40 is rapidly fading away as the Sunspot Cycle declines, 80-75 meters proved to be the band of choice, but was also very challenging at times during the middle of the day due to shorter propagation distance. Relays were sometimes needed to pass voice traffic, but the traffic got through.

Overall KC5IMN notes that the SET realized lots of participation and passed lots of traffic. He also notes that scores should be submitted on or before 1 October 2017.

Thanks to SEC KC5IMN and ASEC K1REZ for the intensive preparation required to conduct the SET.

Welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in July: KG5UAD, Mia – Jackson; KG5UAE, William – Jackson; KG5UBE, Billy – Waynesboro; KG5UBX, Louis – Long Beach; KG5UFC, Kawandrea – Jackson; KG5UFD, George – Jackson; KG5UGR, Jonathan – Vancleave; KG5UHA, Zachery – Dennis; KG5UHB, Anthony – Saltillo; KG5UHC, Brian – Collinsville; and KG5UHI, Tyler – Picayune.

Also welcome to the following new ARRL Members in June: KD5DHR, Jerry – Vicksburg; N5FYN, Marilyn – Florence; KC5OAE, Robert – Gulfport; and KG5SSB, Dan – Tupelo.

As of July 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,046 down 7 from the last report on June 30.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in July: KD5FRE, John – Picayune, N5NCK, Joel – Diamondhead; KG5PPX, John – Tupelo; KF5RQR, Barrett – Laurel; KG5SER, Paul – Gulfport; KG5SSB, Daniel – Tupelo; KG5TTU, Don – Senatobia; and KG5TVS, John – Purvis.

SEC/ASEC/DEC Reports for July 2017: KC5IMN (SEC), AF5PO (NE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS),

EC Reports for July 2017: KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), AE5FK (Walthall), AD7KJ (Franklin), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KG5IIS (Madison), KC5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), N5KDA (Adams), KF5MWE (Clarke), N5MZ (Forrest), WX5N (Prentiss), KD5NDU (AEC)(Yalobusha), AF5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AA5SG (AEC)(Jones), AE5SK (AEC) (Hinds), WA5TEF (Lee), K5VBB (Lamar), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), and N5ZNT (Lincoln).

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

After 15 years as MSPN Net Manager, K5NRK is retiring. Thanks for your conscience efforts, Russ! W5JGW is taking over as MSPN Manager. NCS please send your August Net Reports to w5jgw@arrl.net

Regret to report the passing of KE5UTJ of Como. He was the Father of KD5CKP. Also regret to report the passing of KB5VST of Booneville. Billy was a first responder and active in community service.

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

Hattiesburg ARC 10M Net 3/29/0 (K5TLL)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1046/5 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/22/0 (WF5F)

MS ARES NBEMS 4/31/2 (W5DIX)

MSPN 31/2213/8 (K5NRK)

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

Alcorn County ARES Net 4/57/0 (WB5CON)

Bluff City ARES 4/81/1) (N5KDA)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 4/52/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 5/49/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 4/103/0 (KF5WVJ)

Hattiesburg ARC Emergency 2M Net 5/76/0 (K5TLL)

Hattiesburg ARC 2M Simplex Net 1/18/0 (K5TLL)

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/51/0 (KE5BSB)

Jones County ARES Net 5/71/0 (AA5SG)

Lowndes County ARC Net 4/33/0 (KF5AZ)

Madison County ARES 5/51/0 (KG5IIS)

Marion County ARES Net 4/27/0 (AF5NG)

MDXA Net 3/18/0 (N5GD)

Meridian Area Emergency Net 4/50/0 (KF5ETN)

Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/39/0 (AE5SK)

MLN 5/42/0 (K5NRK)

MSU ARC 5/73/0 (N5OMK)

Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/56/0 (WA5TEF)

Olive Branch ARC Net 4/67/0 (K5OLV)

Rankin County ARES Net 4/68/0 (KG5AVT)

Scott County ARES Training Net 5/32/0 (KC5IIW)

Scott County ARES Simplex Net 3/8/0 (KC5IIW)

SE MS Training Net 4/31/4 (K5VBB)

Southwest MS ARES Team 2/8/0 (N5ZNT)

Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/31/0 (KA5ICO)

Stone County ARES Net 5/37/0 (KF5UJD)

Tishomingo County ARC Net 4/78/0 (AF5PO)

UMARC UHF Net 5/14/0 (K5LMB)

UMARC VHF Net 5/38/0 (K5LMB)

Walthall County ARES 1/2/0 (AE5FK)

Yalobusha County Skywarn 4/5/0 (KD5NDU)

Digital Net Reports

East Mississippi Tailbone Amateur Radio Group 31/155/835 (WB5AKR)

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/31/2 (W5DIX)

MS Winlink Net 5/19/0 (KD5NDU)

PSHR – W5XX 78, and KA5DON 74.

Traffic: AD5O 147, KA5DON 24, W5XX 8, and KG5FRZ 8.

Compilation of Net Statistics provided by KB5RCJ.