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Why Are We Here?

Stated differently...Why are we radio amateurs and Why are we interested in Emergency Communications? Some of us received our license in the 1950's or 1960's. By now we totally understand how a natural disaster or an enemy attack can wipe out our normal communications. Many of us only received our license after a foreign enemy hijacked four commercial airliners and destroyed the Twin Towers in NYC and attempted to destroy the Pentagon and Capital in Washington D. C.

We all now understand such disasters can wipe out communications in an area affecting millions of citizens. As ARES members we know we can help provide emergency communications to served agencies such as Hospitals, American Red Cross, County and state Health Departments, City, County and State EOC's and any other vital agency where normal communications has been destroyed.

It is vital you have a VHF handheld unit as a minimum piece of equipment. You can check into a net in your area and be ready to help when needed. Ask if you need assistance getting started.

MILAM COUNTY—FULL SCALE EXERCISE is scheduled

March 12, 2015 Milam County Health Department will take the lead on this exercise at 3:30 p.m. with staging at the Cameron Elementary School Gym by 4:00 p.m. This will test the Point of Dispensing (POD) Site and Set-up for a mass prophylaxis type scenario. If you have any questions please contact Monica Stewart at 254-697-7092 or mstewart@milamcounty.net. I will be on site operating on 2 meters. I encourage all who can to check in on Milam Repeater 147.020 Mhz Tone 123.0 Khz. We will demonstrate communications with served agencies and STX ARES leaders.

JUNE 27-28, 2015 Field Day

The fourth full weekend of June is Field Day each year. It begins at 1800 UTC on Saturday and ends at 2059 UTC on Sunday. Over 42,000 amateurs are expected to participate this year. All are encouraged to run on emergency power. This is the largest radio exercise in the world and is designed to show how the entire US can be connected with emergency communications.

We continue to grow, Milam ARES membership has reached 46! We encourage more amateurs to join.

BELL HAM EXPO—HAMFEST
Saturday, April 18, 2015
Bell County Expo Center

NOAA WEATHER FREQUENCIES
WACO 162.475 Mhz
BRYAN 162.550 Mhz
AUSTIN 162.400 Mhz

Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM 147.020 PL 123.0 Khz.

Bell County NET Thursday 8 PM 145.130 PL 123.0

STX ARES HF Net Monday at 7:30 pm on 3873 Khz.

If you are needing a copy of the Storm Spotter's Checklist please contact Susan Reinders, Milam County EMC at 254-697-7060 or sreinders@milamcounty.net



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