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KD5WRO Commentary

Change in ARES NET

The Milam County ARES Net has not received a positive response to Monday so we are going back to Thursday NET at 7:00 p.m. beginning next week.

Milam ARES 147.020 Mhz. Tone 123.0 kHz

MARC 146.760 Mhz. PL tone 123.0 kHz

MARC meet each 2nd Tuesday at Taqueria Banda's in Rockdale at 7:00 P.M.

WHAT DO WE DO?

The question really is What Do We Do as Amateurs in a Disaster? Fifty years ago the answer was simple. We supplied communications and information as needed anywhere and anytime. Not so today.

Today we have to operate in a highly structured environment set forth in the FEMA Incident Command System. The courses that explain the system are: IS-100.b Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100; IS-200.b ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents; IS-700.a National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction; IS-800.b National Response Framework, An Introduction. Entry Level and First Line responders will need to take the above 4 courses. For more information and website: <http://training.fema.gov/EMI/>. Click on FEMA Independent Study; Click on: NIMS Courses.

You must review these courses online and understand the command structure that may be used at a disaster in our area. In the first few minutes of a disaster amateurs can be vital in alerting others as to what is happening. After the ICS system is functioning then all formal communications will be at the direction of the Emergency Manager. This is not to say informal communications between amateurs will be curtailed. That is not the case at all. We can help in many ways. Just remember it is a far more structured world today than in the past.

GET Your Radio

Many new license holders hesitate to get their radio both due to cost and complexity of programming the unit. A breakthrough in cost has been made in the past few months with prices now common in the under 100 dollar range for HTs. A sampling of what is found on Amazon follows.

Baofeng UV5R5 Dual Band HT	\$33.99 USD	Programming Cable	7.47
Baofeng BF-F8HP 8 watt Dual Band	\$62.89	Programming Cable	5.50

Use of the programming cable is a must. Manual programming of frequencies will alter your mental condition- especially if your not technology savvy.

Belton HAMFEST September 30-October 1, 2016

Milam County ARES	Thursday 7:00 PM	147.020	123.0 kHz
Milam ARC	Monday 8:00 PM	146.760	123.0 kHz
Bell County Net	Thursday 8:00 PM	145.130	123.0 kHz
STX ARES HF Net	Monday 7:30 PM	3873 kHz	

Milam ARES 2 Meter Data Repeater 145.030 Mhz

This repeater is a simplex repeater with store and resend software in the modem at the transceiver. This call sign is CAMRLY. The repeater is on the Milam County Communication Tower and uses the same antenna as the 147.020 repeater. That antenna is a db224 with 6db gain. It is approximately 150 feet AGL.

Milam ARES monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. VFW Post 2010 on the third Thursday of each month. Meeting Room A.

NOAA WEATHER FREQUENCIES	
WACO	162.475 Mhz
BRYAN	162.550 Mhz