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# MILAM COUNTY ARES NEWSLETTER

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### *KD5WRO Commentary*

#### Multi-State HF Emergency Exercise

#### Texas ARES/RACES/MARS

Milam County ARES participated in a major historical event on Saturday May 5, 2012. For the first time in history ARES proved that official messages on the ICS 213 form could be sent and received between served agencies such as the State Operations Center (SOC), County EOC and City governments without relying on Internet, Cell phones, or any other medium other than point to point radio circuits.

The exercise was based on the possibility of total internet and cell phone loss due to solar storm or enemy sabotage. Our South Texas ARES handled 154 messages for the Texas SOC. Other states also participated and messages were sent between states.

The ARES Comm Team 1 came to Cameron and set up their HF go kit at the Milam County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and taught us what we needed to install in order to have the digital message capability read to go in case of a disaster. We are deeply indebted to Williamson County ARES for their leadership in setting up the exercise and their decision to help us learn the basics here in Milam County.

We want to thank Brad Davis, NA5BD and Bob Scarborough, KC5MGW for being here to share their knowledge and for us to learn something new. Without them we would still be in the dark in the area of digital messaging. We also want to thank Time Hood, TDEM District Coordinator, KF5GBO, for his time to come from Waco and participate in the exercise.



73 Franklin



### NET SCHEDULES

**Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM**

**147.020 PL 123.0**

**Bell County ARES Thursday 8 PM**

**147.140 PL 123.0**