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MILAM COUNTY ARES NEWSLETTER

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Each month the members of Milam County ARES takes time out to go to the ARRLSTX Depot website to update your information add classes or certifications. I want to thank you for all of the hard work you do in not only making yourself better prepared for an emergency, but also better equipped to help Milam County in the event of a natural disaster, or any other event that Susan Reinders, Milam County Emergency Manager may need to call on us to help out.

In the very near future ARRL will roll out a new website for all ARES members in their organization. So far as your EC for Milam County I do not think having two websites that do the same thing will accomplish any more than one site currently does. It will just mean double the work for all of you, as well as myself. We will see if our DEC wishes us to use both sites or not.

Now as far as the requirements are concerned for District 7 ARES (Milam), most of the items in your workbook are for if you want to further yourself in the ARES field. Most of the items are when or if you ever get deployed in another area/county or even state. There are several different requirements established by the leaders for each county and state. You will NOT be deployed to another county/state without first the approval of myself as your County Emergency Coordinator, and secondly the DEC's approval. Also with the condition your workbook is current, and you have met all the requirements for the area you are going.

In Milam County our requirements that have to be met are, IS-100, IS-200, IS700, IS800. These are the only FEMA courses that are required to participate in an emergency or disaster per our Emergency Management Coordinator. I know some those courses may have a letter at the end of the course number I mentioned, that is ok as that is an updated version of that course.

Also if you wish to have something put in one of the newsletters, send it to me at KF5NIX@ARRL.NET and I will find a way to put it in.

If you have not done so yet, go to the ARRLSTX depot site listed below.
http://www.arrlstxvps.org/vault_area/vault_gateway/site_gateway/vault_gateway.php
There are several items listed on the workbook there that many of you have already accomplished in the past, just use your best guess as to the date and I will approve them.

If you complete any of the online courses send me a copy of the certificate so we can have it on file in case of an emergency so we know who we can call on. Once you have the certificates, an ID Badge with your call sign will be made for the Milam County ARES identification.

You can get your workbook as well as other forms at the Milam County Ares website:
<http://milamcountyares.weebly.com/>

Thank you,
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Rockdale – 146.760 – PL – 123, Milam ARC weekly net – Monday nights at 8:00 P.M.

Cameron – 147.020 – PL – 123, Milam County ARES net – Thursday nights at 7:00 P.M.

Davilla – 147.000 – PL – 123, Milam ARC nets – Last Monday of each month held here. **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.

AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES & TESTING

The Milam Amateur Radio is looking to see how many individuals would be interested in taking either the Technician or General class for either license. If you, or someone you know is interested in either class please contact Stuart Wolfe – KF5NIX at KF5NIX@ARRL.NET. If we get enough to do either class, or both classes the Milam ARC will also hold an ARRL testing session in Rockdale, TX.

If you would like to take either class, and would like to purchase the study books from ARRL, the 2 instructors can order the books at a discount. Milam ARC is trying to not only get people interested in the hobby, but to also offer classes and test sessions in Milam County so people do not have to drive so far just to test for a license.

Thank you,

Stuart Wolfe – KF5NIX