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MILAM COUNTY ARES NEWSLETTER

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In last month's newsletter I mentioned possible changes coming to the West Gulf Division's ARES organization. Since that time we have had a few changes in E.C.'s for some of the counties in STX. We also have a few changes in requirements for being in ARES and being qualified to help in

an actual emergency for you local ARES group.

One of the big changes is that ICS-300, and ICS-400 are no longer required classes for being an E.C. for ARRL, as well as being an active member of an ARES group. So if you have 100, 200, 700, and 800 you are practically finished with the basic requirements for being an ARES member.

The other big change is that all Officers, that are below the Section Manager, either appointed or elected, the SEC, DEC's, and all EC's in ARRL STX will be required to resign their current positions in the very near future and then reapply for the same position if they wish to continue in that position. If you wish to reapply you will need references, and list your qualifications. If you do not meet the requirements, you will not be allowed to obtain your old position. And they will look at other candidates, if there are no other applicants for that position it will either not be filled at that time, or if that position is an EC that position may be consolidated under another EC. For which that EC will now just have another county to manage.

The reason I mention this to you is that with Milam County having no hospitals, and so few active hams in the county the requirements for being an ARES member have become even easier. So with that being said, I expect more licensed hams in Milam County to not only sign-up on the ARRL STX Depot site for Milam County ARES, but to also become more active on the local nets.

As of the writing of this newsletter there are several big changes coming to Milam County. Just a few months ago the Milam Amateur Radio Club put on air the first of hopefully a few Yaesu C4FM Fusion repeaters in Milam County. It is not connected to WIRES-X, yet, but the club is making big strides to move Milam County into the 'new' digital era. There are other changes coming that I can't mention right now, but they are coming in the very near future.

If there is a topic you wish discussed in a newsletter, send it to me at KF5NIX@ARRL.NET

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.

You can get your workbook, the newsletters, or other forms at the Milam County ARES website: <http://milamcountvares.weebly.com/>

Thank you,

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Rockdale – 146.760 – PL – 123, Milam ARC weekly net – Monday nights at 8:00 P.M. The members also voted to move the Milam County Ares net to Monday nights, at 7:00 P.M. Most felt that having the ARES net on the same night as the Milam Amateur Radio Club's net may increase the sign-ins for both nets as well as free up the rest of the week.

Cameron – 147.020 – PL – 123, Milam County ARES net – **Monday 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.