

ARRL SV ARES SEC Report (FSD-96)  
September, 2011

**TO:** Sacramento Valley Section ARES Leaders  
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**Section Emergency Coordinator Monthly Statistical Report (FSD-96)**

(1) Section: **Sacramento Valley (SV)**  
(2) Month: **September**  
(3) Year: **2011**  
(4) Total ARES members: **402**  
(5) Change since last month: **+1**  
(6) Number of active nets: **20**  
(7) Total sessions: **93**  
(8) ECs, ADECs & DEC's reporting: **13** (representing 20 counties)  
(9) Number of drills, tests, and training sessions: **103**  
(10) Number of volunteer hours: **1085**  
(11) Number of public service events: **3**  
(12) Number of volunteer hours: **276**  
(13) Number of emergency operations this month: **0**  
(14) Number of volunteer hours: **0**  
(15) Total ADEC, DEC & SEC admin. time: **79.5**  
(16) Total number of ARES events this month: **102**  
(17) Total volunteer hours: **1440.5**  
(18) Stations reporting (with additional comments below):

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**SEC's reporting**  
SV SEC: WD6FXR

**DECs and ECs reporting:**

**DISTRICT 1: W6MAC**

JNN & WRRL HF nets (Siskiyou County) – K6SOJ  
Lassen – K6ME  
Siskiyou/Modoc – W7VTJ  
Trinity County – KF6OAH

**DISTRICT 2: W6MAC**

Butte County – W6AKF  
Glenn County – AG7J  
Shasta/Tehama Counties – W6MAC

**DISTRICT 3:**

**ADEC:** Training – KI6SSF  
Sacramento County – W6SRA  
Yuba/Sutter Counties – KI6CSO  
Yolo/Colusa Counties – K9RTY

**DISTRICT 4: KB6FMZ**  
Plumas County – KA6NSN  
Sierra/Nevada Counties – KG6BAJ

**DISTRICT 5: Ralph, W6RWL**  
Alpine County – KA7AJQ (FSD-212 totals reported to Douglas County, NV)  
Amador County – KI6QLE  
El Dorado – W6MAZ  
Placer County – KG6FFK  
Tahoe Basin, – KC7AGI

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### **Sacramento Valley Section Mission Statement**

The mission of the Sacramento Valley Section ARRL/ARES is to prepare for and provide emergency communications to both public and private agencies as well as the general public. The ARES recruits licensed amateur radio operators and maintains rosters of trained, skilled, disciplined and equipped individuals which includes teams experienced in fixed, mobile and field station operation. This free service is provided in a coordinated and organized manner. Our goal is to provide the best possible emergency communications radio networks capable of handling third party tactical and formal message traffic locally, regionally, nationally and internationally anytime normal means of communications fail or are overloaded.

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#### **Comments: L. M. Sutter, WD6FXR**

To our SV staff -- especially those who reported their own and/or county's activities: thanks for a job well done!

This will be my last report since I'm moving to a small town near Bend, Oregon, at the end of this month. I'll miss working with all of you (you've been great)! Ralph Lucas, W6RWL, will take the SV SEC slot -- while I hope to become involved with Oregon's ARES organization. Let's give him all the great help and support you've given me.

P.S. Please send all future reports and email to Ralph, W6RWL at [w6rwl@arrl.net](mailto:w6rwl@arrl.net). Cell: 408-640-0963.

I'll forward my new e-mail address as soon as I get it.

Again, thanks a million!!!

Larry

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## **DEC and EC Comments (for their counties):**

(Please see our Section News for more information at <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/sacramento-valley>)

### **DISTRICT 1**

#### **JNN & WRRL, K6SOJ**

30 Jefferson Noon Nets (with 845 check-ins for 634 hours) and 1 WRRL 20 Meter net (with 2 checkins for 1 hour); 2 traffic messages -- total: 847 checkins for 635 hours.

### **DISTRICT 3**

#### **Sacramento Area ADEC for Training, KI6SSF**

Nets and continuing education

#### **Sacramento County, W6SRA**

Quiet month

#### **Yolo/Colusa Counties, K9RTY**

19 members (same); 5 nets and one drill (meeting) for 88 hours -- Comments: We now have several members running RMS Express and Outpost to connect to packet and winlink 2000.

If all goes well, Yolo ARES will have a RMS packet gateway running at the Yolo Red Cross soon.

#### **Yuba/Sutter – KI6CSO**

Five Yuba-Sutter ARES members attended the recent Sacramento Weather Spotter Training put on by the National Weather Service (noaa.org) which was held in the Yuba County Administrative Bldg. This training qualified participants to be Volunteer Weather Observers. Based on the unstable weather and the recent tornado we experienced, being a trained Weather Observer is another excellent step forward in providing emergency support to our community.

### **DISTRICT 4**

#### **Plumas, KA6NSN**

On Sept 6, 2011, Kathy (KF6CCP) and Leland Cotter (KF6CCR) drove up to Mt. Hough and spent the day clearing brush and debris from the area around the 145.47 Mhz repeater site.

On Sept 10, 2011 members of Plumas Amateur Radio Club (PARC) supported the Patriot Day Endurance Horse Race in Greenville. The event provided PARC and ARES/RACES members with experience in message handling. We operated under emergency conditions, conducting mobile operations using portable antennas/ batteries and handhelds. Sixteen PARC members participated, donating a total of about 150 man hours.

On Sept 17, 2011 our PARC meeting was combined with a Bar-b-Que and planning session for the North American Endurance Challenge in Greenville, CA.

### **DISTRICT 5**

#### **Alpine, KA7AJQ**

DCART members, KV7S, KJ6IX, KA7UIS, and KA7AJQ, visited (Sept. 23) the Alpine Sheriff's

Office to test a radio programmed for ham frequencies. During the annual "Death Ride" bicycle event in July, Alpine Dispatch transmissions totally overrode the ham radio station, so that Amateur Radio emergency or any other traffic could not be copied. We had hoped this radio would eliminate the difficulty. It did not. So now I think we are going to try to test a filter on that radio for the Sheriff's Office frequency.

We are hoping to solve the challenge and leave this radio as a permanent resident there at Alpine Dispatch. There is already a dedicated ham radio antenna there. Also needed, will be a power supply and a small speaker for the Dispatcher side of the station. Alpine Dispatch will be checking with their radio technicians for those items. If not successful, we may turn to you, our California colleagues, for those items.

Sheila, ka7ajq

**Thanks for your excellent reports!!!**

Larry

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**REMINDER:** Monthly reports are due on the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Please send all reports thru the "Monthly Reports" link at [www.emcomm.org/svares/](http://www.emcomm.org/svares/) or directly to: [lmsutter@pacbell.net](mailto:lmsutter@pacbell.net)**

Thanks again, have a great day & 73

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