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To all ARES Appointees,

As 2008 approaches, KY ARES will be establishing tradition to encourage and help ARES appointees to live up to the requirements of the positions they are appointed to.

One of the most important parts of the position of an Official Emergency Station, Emergency Coordinator, or District Emergency Coordinator is monthly reporting.

Reporting serves two vital roles. It informs the amateur radio community, thus the FCC and general public of amateur radio's contribution to our communities. Additionally, it provides KY ARES coordinators with information necessary to assist local and district programs.

There are three myths about reporting. "Nobody ever reads the reports other than the SEC." This is incorrect. Each month, a compilation of all the local and district reports is submitted to ARRL HQ, combined with reports from the other 49 states, and presented to the FCC and Congress as evidence to protect amateur radio frequency allocations.

The second myth is that reporting is a difficult and requires a lot of work. This myth is also not true. For the last 8 years, KY ARES reports have been automated and online on the KYHAM web site. Go to <http://www.kyham.net/emcomm/reports.html> to fill out the online form that takes 5-10 minutes. If you have any questions about how to fill out the report, don't hesitate to contact Pat Spencer, KD4PWL at pat.spencer@insightbb.com. He's there to help if you have questions.

The third myth is that you must have a lot of activity to report to take the effort to fill out a monthly report. This is not true. Your monthly report is more than a collection of totals, and tallies. It is also an important dialog with your District Emergency Coordinator and the Section Emergency Coordinator. Like any organization, it is vital to share information with your leadership circle. It is perfectly acceptable to report that your group is growing, and there is no activity.

Another important fact of reporting, it lets us know you are there and still active as a coordinator.

After January 1, 2008 KY ARES is going to adhere to the requirements of appointed positions and require monthly reporting. Appointees who do not report for three consecutive months or not reporting for more than two months twice in a 12 month period will have their appointments cancelled.

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