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Jefferson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (A.R.E.S.)
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Randy,

On behalf of the Houston and Beaumont Chapters of the ARC, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the assistance provided by Amateur Radio (HAM) operators for our Tour Du Rouge Bike Ride. This was the 10th year for the Tour du Rouge ride (Houston to New Orleans). It is terrific that the Ham Radio operators have been assisting us with the first 2 days of the ride for all of the past 10 years. Randy, please forward a copy of ARC's Letter of Appreciation to all the organizations in the Beaumont area as we do not have a complete list of organizational contacts.

Besides the time and equipment contributions of the individual Amateur Radio Operators, the leadership and organizational support of clubs and ARES organizational support is paramount for the success of the Amateur Radio operations. ARC additionally thanks the individuals, organizations, and clubs that provide the underlying repeater site infrastructure (towers, buildings supports, analog and digital repeater equipment, and underlying inter-site communications networks) that allow the effective communications to be achieved over the remote stretches of the Tour du Rouge Bike Ride route. These not-seen assets help provide ride radio coverage. Organizations that have made particular contributions are as follows:

- Houston Echo Society
- Houston Amateur Mobile Society (H.A.M.S)
- Texas Emergency Amateur Communicators (T.E.A.C.)
- Cypress Repeater Club, Inc.
- Harris County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (A.R.E.S.)
- Jefferson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (A.R.E.S.)
- Beaumont Amateur Radio Club
- Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club
- Orange County Amateur Radio Club

Safety of our riders is our most important goal during the ride. The HAM operators are an essential part of our safety plan. The operators kept up with the location of riders and communicated any problems or incidents to the appropriate ride leadership. Additionally, the operators identified potential safety issues along the course and stationed people at these sites to warn cyclists to slow down or avoid these road hazards. The presence of radio operators along the course was a comfort to the cyclists and increased the awareness of the ride for motorists and other vehicle traffic.

Again, Thanks to all of the Ham Radio operators who participated and assisted with the 2018 Tour Du Rouge Bike Ride. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Development Director,
The Arc of Greater Houston