

# Lee Cooper, W5LHC West Gulf Assistant Director, EmComm

## Experience Counts

- Assistant Director of West Gulf Division
- ARES Representative, DEM Communications Coordination Group
- STX Public Information Coordinator
- Co-Chair, West Gulf Credentialing Committee
- Member, West Gulf Legislative Action Team
- Past EC and AEC for Travis County ARES
- President, Austin Amateur Radio Club
- ARRL and W5YI VE
- ARES ARRL Liaison Texas VOAD (alt)
- Member, City of Austin CERT
- Graduate of Travis County Citizens Police Academy

## Elect Lee Cooper, W5LHC Section Manager, South Texas

I am asking for your vote for South Texas Section Manager because I believe I am the best qualified candidate and able to work with the members of the South Texas Section to implement the changes we need.

Presently, I am serving as Assistant Director For Emergency Communications for the West Gulf Division and as the STX Public Information Coordinator. Past section positions included serving as Travis County Emergency Coordinator for 2000 – 2004.

I have been proud to also serve as a member of the West Gulf Legislative Action team for the past two Legislative sessions. In the 2007 Session, I wrote a bill that allowed hams that are state employees to have paid time off to respond to disasters without losing leave or sick time. The bill was signed into law in June 2007. Our efforts in the 2007 session also resulted in the defeat of cell phone bills that would have made mobile amateur radio operation illegal.

In the 2009 Legislative Session, we were successful in writing into all passed cell phone bills an exemption for mobile amateur radio operation. Our efforts also ensured that the new Texas Emergency Communications Coordination Group will include representatives from ARES and RACES.

As Travis County Emergency Coordinator I proposed, and received funding from the City of Austin Office of Emergency Management for the implementation of a program called A.R.C.H.E.S. – the first program in Central Texas to place voice and digital radios in all county hospitals. We have now extended A.R.C.H.E.S. to cover all hospitals in a 7 county area surrounding Travis County.

I have 14 years experience with State and Local Emergency Management Agencies, including service during disasters, efforts to improve knowledge of and relationships with Amateur Radio, and being a presenter for the Homeland Security Conference.

For more information, please go to [www.w5lhc.net](http://www.w5lhc.net).

Please VOTE!! Thank you for your support.



*“The STX Section will face many challenges in the near future. We must address both Federal and State credentialing requirements, legislative threats, increased training requirements and the ever changing needs of our served agencies. The STX will not be able to ignore these issues or avoid their impact. It is vital we work and prepare as a cohesive team to address these issues and continue to provide the high level of response for which the STX Section is known.” - Lee, W5LHC*

## Vote to elect W5LHC as your new Section Manager

*“Lee is WELL qualified to lead our section, and I believe he will do so with wisdom, experience, honesty, openness, and integrity”*

Jerry Reimer, KK5CA

*“I’ve had a chance to work personally with Lee on many things here in Central Texas and strongly concur. He has excellent leadership skills and a long term commitment to ARES/RACES and ham radio in general and I very much look forward to voting for him as well.”*

Tom Whiteside N5TW

*“South Texas deserves the excellence that W5LHC will bring to ham radio in the Section and we deserve the excellence in leadership that we’ll have with W5LHC at the helm. I hope each one of you will join me in voting for W5LHC when the ballots are mailed out in August.”*

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