

ARES Voice Net Control Script

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(Contact or appoint your Backup Net Control Station. Ask your backup for a signal report, and give him/her a signal report, too.)

Is the frequency in use?

Calling the Austin/Travis County Amateur Radio Emergency Service net. This is (call sign) (name), Net Control.

Back-up Net Control is (call sign) (name).

This net meets every Sunday evening on 147.36 MHz at 7:30 p.m. local time with a back-up frequency of 146.94 MHz. The 147.36 MHz repeater has an input tone of 131.8. The purpose of this net is training in emergency communications and the dissemination of pertinent information.

This net promotes public service through amateur radio. We provide emergency communications through agreements with several agencies in Travis County. This net operates with the permission of the owner of this repeater. The Amateur Radio Emergency Service or ARES is a part of the Field Organization of the American Radio Relay League or ARRL. This is a local level net of the ARRL National Traffic System.

This is a directed net. Please follow the instructions of net control. Please stay on frequency until released by net control.

Is there any priority traffic for this ARES net?
(Handle the priority traffic immediately.)

Are there any stations with announcements for the net? Please wait to be recognized before giving your announcement.

(Wait for calls)

(call sign), What is the subject of your announcement?

(If the station gives the entire announcement, POULITELY correct them. Decide if we should handle the announcement now or after the net.)

(repeat enough times to handle all announcements.)

Is there any other business for this net?

Are there any liaison stations wishing to take outgoing traffic to other nets? (Check in and acknowledge all liaison stations.)

Is there any traffic for this ARES net?
(Check in and dispatch traffic.)

(Route any traffic listed. Remember, the NCS can direct stations to go to another repeater or simplex frequency to pass traffic. This depends on the traffic load. Suggest that all stations listening copy along to practice.)

Do we have any business from ARES officers?

Are there any other stations with business for the net?

We will now take checkins from stations without other business for the net. We are practicing for actual emergency nets, it is important to follow proper procedures for an actual emergency net.

All stations use only ITU phonetics and "this is" as you check in. Release your push-to-talk button and listen to cut down on doubles. If you check in to this net, please plan to stay for the entire net. If unexpected events mean you must leave before the end of the net please ask net control for permission to leave.

Please leave a short gap before each transmission, so that stations with emergency or priority traffic can be recognized. Stations with emergency traffic should call "BREAK BREAK" at any time. Stations with priority traffic should call "BREAK" when appropriate.

(Mention the 131.8 Hz input tone if appropriate for the repeater you are using.)

We will take one checkin at a time. Net control will acknowledge each station.

Please check in according to the first letter of your callsign suffix.

(In order to be fair to the K-Z folks, I suggest you checkin the group that includes your own suffix first. i.e. WX5U will call Kilo through Zulu first.)

Alpha through Juliet (or Kilo through Zulu) only come now.

(Leave a brief pause for a break after each call.)

(Resolve any doubles or other missed transmissions immediately.) (Ask any out of order stations to check in at the correct time.) (call sign) acknowledged, next station

(Take about 5 calls, ask for corrections to this point.)

More checkins Alpha through Juliet, (or Kilo through Zulu) call now.

(repeat)

(then all suffixes Alpha through Zulu)

A packet net is held every Sunday at 8:00 P.M. local time on 145.73 MHz unconnected mode with backup frequency of 145.07 MHz. Any amateur interested in emergency communications is invited to join.

Last call for stations wishing to check-in to the AustinjTravis County ARES net or any further comments or questions, please come now.

(I recommend at least one call with no response before closing the net.)

There being no further comments this is (Your call sign) closing the Austin/Travis County ARES Net. We had __ stations check in and __ messages handled.

Thanks to all for participating. This frequency is now returned to regular amateur use.

(Call your alternate net control and reconcile your check-ins and traffic counts.)

If log will be delayed, please send *net* date, checkin count, traffic count, and NCS call sign immediately.

Net control stations should consider this script a guideline. You are free to adjust it as needed, or to try out improvements. Remember it is your net to run your way.

We do want to generally follow the script as written, in order to train people to use consistent set of net practices. We'd like our regular nets to help participants automatically fall into good net procedures when a real emergency net takes place.