



Script for the Northeast Unit, District 14 ARES Net

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Please read this several times before you try to use it. Text in **Red** is the actual script, **Yellow** is information for you and **[BREAK]** means drop the repeater at this point. It takes a few seconds for this repeater to fully drop, so wait for it. **Be sure to check the Net Control Roster to see who will be Net Control and Backup next week, since you will announce this at the conclusion of the Net.**

At 7:50 PM and 7:55 PM local time, make the following announcement on the net frequency.

“The Northeast Unit, District 14 ARES Net will start in 10 (or 5) minutes. A clear channel will be appreciated.”

START OF NET 8:00 PM Sharp

“QST, QST, QST, This is (Your Call Sign), net control station for tonight’s net.

This net meets each Thursday evening at 8 PM local time.

[BREAK]

Tonight’s net is using the Texas Emergency Amateur Communicators’ (TEAC) repeater, with the permission of the repeater trustee Frank Hormann, KM5I. Repeater frequency is 147.28 MHz with a positive 600 KHz offset and a tone of 100.00. This net meets for the purpose of encouraging communications and training ARES members and other amateurs in Northeast Harris County, East Montgomery County and surrounding areas.

[BREAK]

All check-ins are welcome. You do not have to be a member of ARES or any amateur radio club to participate in this net. This net is conducted under the direction of the Emergency Coordinator for the North East Unit, District 14 ARES.

[BREAK]

This net is a directed net, meaning you should address all transmissions to Net Control and wait to be acknowledged before proceeding. Please follow all instructions of Net Control. All stations are requested to remain on frequency until the net closes.

[BREAK]

Any station with emergency or priority traffic may break in at any time by giving their call sign and saying “emergency traffic,” or “priority traffic,” as appropriate.

If there is any emergency or priority traffic at this time, please call Net Control now.

(Wait at least 10 seconds for emergency / priority traffic.)

[BREAK]

After check-ins are complete, I will acknowledge members with traffic and then training. Traffic includes formal messages, announcements, questions, comments, activities and other items of interest to ARES members or the general amateur community.

[BREAK]

Digital check-ins are encouraged by using ICS-213 General Message Form. These should be sent to KE5RAD@winlink.org before, during or immediately after the net. Practice using the digital modes and ICS-213 message form is good training for emergency operations.

[BREAK]

CHECK IN PORTION

This is (Your Call Sign); we will now start the check-in portion of the net.

We use a roll call check-in procedure, using the Northeast Unit ARES roster. I will read the call signs of the Northeast ARES members, in suffix alphabetical order.

When you hear your callsign, please respond back with your call and state whether or not you have traffic or training tonight.

[BREAK]

Following the Northeast Unit roll call, I will ask for any other stations to check in. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in at that time.

[BREAK]

I will now begin the Northeast Unit ARES roll call. Please respond when you hear your call.

[BREAK]

Using the current Check-in sheet, give the call signs in order and record the response, if any. Note Stations with Traffic so you can call them later.

[BREAK]

This is (Your Call Sign); I will now take check-ins from any other amateur operators on frequency. Any other stations wishing to check-in, please respond with your call sign, name, general location and traffic status now.

Using the current Check-in sheet, Page 2, record the call signs, names, locations and traffic status. Note Stations with Traffic so you can call them later.

[BREAK]

TRAFFIC PORTION

Call each station that stated they had traffic in the order of check-in, and have them pass their traffic to the net.

This is (Your Call Sign), Net Control. If there are no more checkins, we now will handle Net traffic in order of check-ins. Net control now recognizes traffic from (CALL SIGN OF FIRST TRAFFIC)

Ask for any questions or other input on that traffic to be submitted to Net Control before proceeding to the next person with traffic.

Are there any questions or comments regarding this traffic??

Continue to next member with traffic.

Net control now recognizes traffic from (CALL SIGN OF NEXT PERSON WITH TRAFFIC)

After final traffic, wrap up Traffic Portion of Net and start TRAINING PORTION, if anyone has Training.

Is there any other traffic at this time?

[BREAK]

Hearing none, we will proceed with tonight's training.

TRAINING PORTION

(GIVE CALL SIGN OF PERSON WITH TRAINING), if you are ready with tonight's training, please take over as Net Control and proceed with the training.

After the person with training acknowledges, control goes to him/her until after training is completed.

Control is then passed back to Net Control by the Trainer.

FINAL CHECK-IN

"This is (Your Call Sign); I will now take any final check-ins for the Northeast Unit, District 14 ARES weekly net. When checking in to the net, give your call sign, first name, general location and whether or not you have traffic for the Net. Any stations wishing to check-in, please call now."

[BREAK]

Acknowledge the call signs you hear and record their data.

Allow check-ins to pass any traffic they may have in the order received.

WRAP UP AND CLOSE NET

Are there are any questions, comments or further business for the Net tonight?

If any response, acknowledge station and handle as before.

[BREAK]

If there are no further items to discuss, announce next week's Net Control and Backup and then close the Net.

This is (Your Call Sign) closing the Northeast Unit, District 14 ARES weekly net. This net meets each Thursday evening at 8 PM local time on the TEAC repeater. Next week's Net Control and Backup stations will be (call sign and names of next week's Net Control and Backup). This is (Your Call Sign) now returning the repeater to general use. Thank you for your participation in the net.

EMERGENCY NET PROCEDURE

To be used only for authorized emergency activation of the net.

Calling the North East Unit, District 14 Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net

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This is <your call>, Net Control Station for this net.

[BREAK]

This net is being activated at the direction of the North East Unit District 14 ARES (Duty Officer, Officer in Charge, Emergency Coordinator, Assistant Emergency Coordinator):

due to an emergency

due to a potential emergency

as a drill

as an exercise

and with the permission of the repeater trustee.

[BREAK]

This repeater requires a sub-audible tone of (fill-in) Hertz for access. (100.0 if using the normal NEU ARES machine) If your transmitter does not have this tone, transmit simplex on the repeater output frequency. (147.280 if using the normal NEU ARES machine)

[BREAK]

This is a directed net, meaning you should address all transmissions to Net Control by giving your call sign only, then wait for acknowledgement and instructions from Net Control. Please follow the instructions of Net Control.

[BREAK]

This is <your call>, operating as Net Control. Any station with emergency or priority traffic may break in at any time by giving their call sign and stating “emergency traffic,” or “priority traffic,” as appropriate. Emergency traffic is defined as any

immediate threat to life or property. Priority traffic is any official message to or from any public service organization.

[BREAK]

Briefly describe the emergency situation, drill or exercise.

Announce back up frequencies and net control stations.

Call for check-ins, if appropriate.

When checking in to the net, give your call sign only. All stations are requested to remain on frequency until the net closes. If necessary to leave the net, notify Net Control.

[BREAK]

I will now take check-ins from stations with call sign suffixes beginning:

A - Alpha through J - Juliet

[BREAK]

Record and acknowledge the call signs you hear before asking for more stations, and then continue when no one answers

K – Kilo through Z – Zulu, check-in now please.

Acknowledge and record the call signs you hear before asking for more stations, continue when no one answers

Prepare a resource list, if appropriate.

Call each station and request the information on the Resource List form

Repeat the above (including repeater frequency and sub-audible tone) as necessary, and until directed otherwise by the EC or AEC.