

ICS Form 201

EVENT BRIEFING	1. Event Name: District 14 ARES® Wide AREA NET (WAN)	2. Date Prepared 24 Jan 2012	3. Time Prepared 0817 Local
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4. Map Sketch

District 14 ARES® Wide Area Net
1900 Local, Sunday, 29 January 2012



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6. Summary of Current Actions

Goals and Objectives for 29 January 2012 WAN

1. Identify repeaters available for use by District 14 ARES Units that are capable of providing effective county wide and beyond communications.
2. Promote greater association to strengthen the spirit of cooperation between all four District 14 ARES Units, adjacent counties and counties within the reach of local repeater coverage zones. All ECs are encouraged to aggressively promote the participation of as many members and non-members as possible.
3. Use ICS templates for planning, execution and documentation as directed by the District 14 ARES Plan.

WAN Operational Information

The WAN will begin at 1900 Local. You may check in to as many nets as possible.

Please review the sample WAN script on page 8 prior to the WAN in order to have a clear understanding of the sequence and how the WAN will operate.

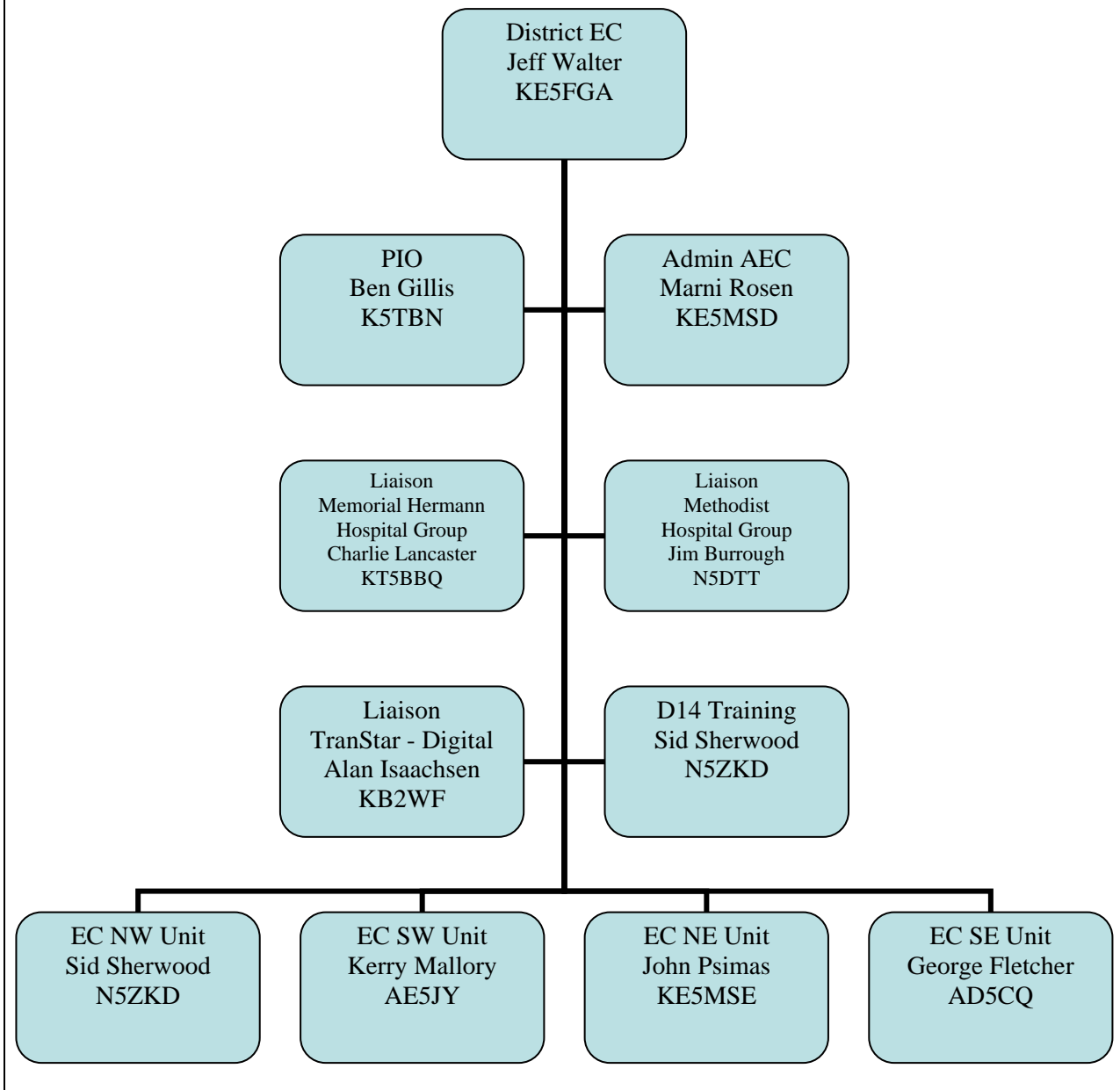
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1. Unit ECs are requested to announce the WAN on their regular Unit NETS and request all members to participate. Additionally, other means of announcement, such as phone trees, email lists or other means are strongly encouraged.
2. All net control and back up net control stations should be identified before the initial WAN ICS documentation is released to the unit members. All net control and backup net controls are requested to perform net control duty for a local net prior to the WAN.
3. All repeaters trustees have been notified and requested permission for use.

SAFETY

Safety is paramount. Always think safety on all ARES operations. Be conscious of the conditions around you on all deployments. Be aware of your situation and surroundings at home and while deployed. If deployed to a hazardous location use the buddy system and make certain that someone knows where you are.

7. 23 January 2012 District 14 Organizational Chart



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8. Resources Summary

Resources Ordered	Resource Identification	ETA	On Scene	Location/Assignment
145.110 (-) 123.0	South POD Net Trustee KA5QDG contacted.	1840		Houston, TX
145.370 (-) 123.0	North POD Net Trustee W5BAK contacted.	1840		Houston, TX
146.840 (-) 103.5	Central Net Trustee KF5GDR contacted	1840		Houston, TX
147.000 (+) 103.5	County Information Net Trustee W5TXV contacted.	1840		Houston, TX
KE5FGA@ winlink.org	Digital check ins via Packet. No attachment is required.	1800		Houston, TX
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GENERAL MESSAGE		
TO:	POSITION: Net Control Stations	
FROM: Jeff Walter KE5FGA	POSITION: ARRL STX District 14 EC	
SUBJECT: Call for net operations	DATE: 23-Jan-2012	TIME: 1729 local
MESSAGE:		
<p>Regarding the upcoming wide area net of 29 Jan 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please be on station ready to operate at 18:35 local. Monitor 147.000 for instructions. • I will call the countywide repeater 147.000 to announce the nets and their frequencies at that time. • I will call all stations in to service starting at 18:40 in order as listed on the Event Communications Plan, ICS Form 205 located on page 6 of this EAP. • At 10 and 5 minutes before the hour all net control stations should call to announce your net, on your assigned repeater, requesting a clear frequency. NC and BUNC should be in contact with each other. • Then all NC stations should call KE5FGA on 147.000 to confirm your repeater and net control station is up or other status before starting, then again after for securing your net. • Start your net promptly at 7 PM. Keep the net open until all check-ins have been taken. Close the net by 8 PM if no other check-ins are waiting. • You may use a modified version of the sample net script or create your own, 		
SIGNATURE:	Jeffery A Walter	POSITION: Wide Area Net IC
REPLY:		
DATE:	TIME:	SIGNATURE/POSITION:

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District 14 ARES® Wide Area Net

(Revised 26 Oct 2010)

NET PREAMBLE **TEMPLATE**

CQ.....CQ.....CQ.....

This is <KE5FGA> **K**ilo **E**cho **5** **F**oxtrot **G**olf **A**lpha, primary net control station for tonight's net. My name is Jeff, located I-10 Mason Road in far West Harris County. Is tonight's backup net control station on frequency and what is your location?

Tonight, we are using the 147.000 repeater, with the permission of the repeater trustee KR5K. This repeater requires a sub-audible tone of 103.5 Hertz for access, with a Positive offset. If your transmitter does not have this tone, please transmit simplex on the repeater output frequency.

This net is open to all amateurs in the surrounding community. This net is not limited to ARES members. ARES, CERT, MARS, RACES, REACT, no affiliation, Where ever you may be located within the sound of my voice, all are welcome and encouraged to check in.

For information on becoming an ARES member, please contact the EC for your local county unit. Please send radio packet check-ins to KE5FGA@Winlink.org using the list on page 5 of this plan.

This is a directed net; all stations are requested to remain on frequency until recognized and location identified by net control. You are encouraged to check into as many nets as possible. Please refer to page 5 of the EAP for a listing of all nets. If you are located at a served agency, please state the agency name.

The first objective of these nets is to identify repeaters available for use by District 14 ARES Units that are capable of providing effective POD communications. We also will answer any questions on how our Simulated Emergency Test will be conducted next Saturday.

- When requesting check-ins to the net acknowledge the call signs you hear before asking for more stations.
- Call each station that checked in with traffic, in the order they checked in, asking each one: Their name and location.
- Record their information on the Unit Log (Page 10 of the EAP)
- When completed with the initial list of check-ins, request if there are any relays for the wide area net.

Begin Net Check-In Process

Do we have any stations that wish to check in that have priority or emergency traffic for the net? Please call now using ITU phonetics.

We will now take check-ins from stations with all call sign suffixes beginning: A-Alpha through Z-Zulu

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

Call each station in the order they checked in, asking each one:

Their name and general location. If at a served agency, that information.

Continue calling for additional check-ins and recording their information Call sign and first name until the net closes at 8:00 PM local time.

Is there any further business for tonight's net?

This is **KE5FGA** now closing the Wide Area Information Net. We want to thank the Cypress Repeater Group, Trustee **KR5K**, and the other users of this frequency for giving us a clear frequency to conduct this net. This repeater and frequency are now available for normal amateur operations.

This is **KE5FGA** clear.

Compile list and NCS and Backup NCS should compare and confirm information.

Number of check-ins: _____

Total time of the net: _____

Pieces traffic passed: _____

Documented information for every check in:

Name/Call

City - County location they are located at.

Send The Unit Log (ICS-214) to Jeff Walter - KE5FGA@ARRL.NET before securing site.

A SAMPLE is provided below

