

WEEKLY TRAINING Voice Net Script

19.2.0 Before the Net Begins

[Do the following before the net begins]

Find tonight's digital mode by checking the spreadsheet, website, or asking on air before the net

Choose your check in method for section 19.2.6 before starting the net

Take note of the net start time in your net log

19.2.1 Initialize the Net

This is *[call sign]*. Is the repeater in use?

{PAUSE}

CQ, CQ, CQ. This is net control station *[call sign]*, calling the Gwinnett County Amateur Radio Emergency Service weekly Training Net. My name is *[name]* and I am calling this net from *[location or city]*. This is a directed net and is open to all amateur radio operators who are licensed to operate on this frequency. ARES membership is not required. At any time, stations with emergency or priority traffic should call Net Control immediately. If, during the course of this net, this repeater goes down, please switch to the GARS backup VHF repeater at 147.255 MHz with positive offset, PL tone 107.2. If the backup repeater is also unavailable, then fall back to the GARS UHF repeater at 444.525 with positive offset and PL tone of 82.5.

The purpose of this net is to

- 1) inform people about ARES, SKYWARN, and emergency communications
- 2) test our equipment and to ensure it in good working order and
- 3) to practice our communication skills for our served agencies.

For the purpose of training, proxy check-ins are discouraged.

Here is the structure of tonight's net. First, we will start by getting an alternate net control. Then, we will hear from our Emergency Coordinator. Next we will have additional announcements and then we will then accept net check-ins by radio, followed by Echolink check-ins, and then we will take guest and late check-ins at the end. After this voice net we will have a digital or special practice net. Stations are encouraged to check into that net also. Tonight's digital or special practice net is *[digital net mode]*:

At the appropriate time, please check-in by keying, saying "this is", unkeying to check for a clear frequency, then re-keying and stating your call sign phonetically using the NATO alphabet and then again alphabetically. Then tell us your name and your location. If you have information, comments, or traffic for the net please tell us at this time.

19.2.2 Call for Alternate NCS

This is [*call sign*], Net Control for the Gwinnett County ARES Training Net. In case of problems, an Alternate Net Control Station should assist with this net. The ANCS must be prepared to act as my aide and to immediately assume net control duties. The ANCS must also keep a log of the net. Anyone willing to serve as Alternate Net Control for the Gwinnett County ARES Training Net, please call now.

{PAUSE}

[ANCS responds...Acknowledge the ANCS station and thank them for helping]

19.2.3 Emergency Coordinator Check In

The Gwinnett County Emergency Coordinator may check and give any announcements now.

[Acknowledge EC & allow him to make his announcements]

19.2.4 Announcements

Any other stations with announcements, check-in now but please do not make your announcements until I recognize you.

[Acknowledge stations with announcements and call them make their announcements]

This is [*NCS call sign*], Net Control for the Gwinnett County ARES Training Net.

19.2.5 Check-Ins

This net accepts check-ins by RF and Echolink from Gwinnett ARES members and guests. Echolink and guest check-ins will be taken later. Please listen carefully to my instructions to know when you should check-in. Since the purpose of this net is to practice for dynamic situations such as Skywarn events or deployments for our served agencies, we change our format from week to week. Tonight we will accept radio check-ins of Gwinnett ARES members using the:

*[use **one** of the following methods]*

- position method. Please check in by your reporting group when your group is called.
 - Any Gwinnett ARES AECs please check in now.
 - Any Gwinnett ARES members with other titled positions, please check in now.
 - All other Gwinnett ARES General Members may check in now.
- callsign method. Please check in when the prefix of your callsign is called. Stations with callsigns starting with [*prefix repeat prefix*] please check in now. [*W/N/K/A in YOUR chose order, but be sure to call ALL the prefixes*]
- 5 at a time method. We will pause after every 5th station for recognition and to pause for emergency traffic. After you have hear 5 stations, pause for net control to recognize 5 stations. [*take check-ins in groups of 5 and repeat until done. If too many stations check in during one group, remind stations to stop after each 5. recognize the stations and remind them you are taking check-ins 5 at a time*]
- general check in method. All Gwinnett ARES members may check in now.
- [*custom method. Design your own method to mimic real-world needs. It could be geographic, backup-power-first, by ERP (each of these has EMCOMM uses), or something else. Be sure to convey easy to understand groups and make sure ALL ARES members are included if you use this method]*]

{IDENTIFY your station periodically during check-ins, and remind stations of the check in method periodically}

This is [*call sign*], Net Control for the Gwinnett County ARES Training Net.
This net will now accept check-ins from anyone using Echolink.
[Leave long pauses and Acknowledge check ins]

Gwinnett ARES welcomes visitors to our nets. Visitors and any other late check-ins, please call net control now.
[Acknowledge checkins]

This is [*call sign*], Net Control for the Gwinnett County ARES Training Net.
This is the last call for check-ins, comments, or other traffic for the net. Please call now.
[Acknowledge check ins and handle any traffic]

19.2.6 Close the net

Net, please stand by while I check my log.
[Count your check-ins]

[ANCS call sign], I show [*number*], check-ins directly to this net by RF and Echolink. Do you concur?
[If there are errors, use the “start in the middle” method to correct the mistakes ON-AIR. During a deployment there will NOT be an opportunity to e-mail and fix the lists later, so practice now.]

Thanks to everyone who participated in this Gwinnett County ARES Weekly Training Net. Thanks also to the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society for the use of the W4GR repeater system.

Please remember to check into tonight’s Digital or Special Practice Net at 8:45PM. This is Net Control Station, [*NCS call sign*], closing the Gwinnett County ARES Training Net at [*time*] local, and returning the repeater to normal operation.
[Take note of the finish time]

19.2.7 Finish

NCS and ANCS must both send a copy of the check-in log to nets@gwinnettares.org as soon as reasonably possible after the net.

E-mail a list of callsigns using one of the following formats:

- a. Email text with **one callsign per line** (see example below)
- b. Plain text file (.txt or .rtf) with **one callsign per line**
- c. MS Word document (.doc or .docx) with **one callsign per line**
- d. MS Excel (.xls or .xlsx) with **one callsign per cell all in one column**

Make sure to include the beginning and end time of the net or the number of minutes elapsed. The time can be in the e-mail or in the attached document. Your e-mails will be acknowledged when the information is entered into the state ARES database before the end of the month.

Example e-mail:

To: nets@gwinnettares.org

From: w4ige@arrl.net

Subject: 02/07/17 ARES Check-Ins

Start: 8:15PM

Finish: 8:37PM

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w4hng

w4ige

ab4cq

w4kda

ka4kkf

af4fg

wb4qdx