

Waller County ARES Net Procedure 2024

WEEKLY TRAINING NET

This net meets each Thursday evening at 8:00 PM local time.

Duties of Net Control

1. Be prepared to start the weekly training net.
2. Record the call signs of all stations that check-in to the net, and their traffic.
3. E-mail a Net Control report, consisting of the check-in count and total net time, to the EC as soon as it is practical to do so after the conclusion of a net.
4. Keep the original records of the weekly training net for one (1) month. If the net was an emergency net, and not a drill, maintain the records for twelve (12) months or transfer to the EC. The type of records created and retained may depend on the type of net controlled.

Duties of Backup Net Control

1. Start the Net if the Primary Net control fails to come up with 5 minutes of schedule.
2. Start the Net if specifically requested to by the scheduled Primary Net Control.
3. Be prepared to assume net control at the request of Primary Net Control.
4. Take over as Primary Net control if Primary Net Control drops off without notice.

The primary and backup Net Control Station should be prepared at 7:50 PM local time. At 7:50 PM and 7:55 PM local time, make the following announcement on the net frequency.

This is <your call>

**I will begin the Waller County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net in <10 or 5> minutes.
We will appreciate a clear frequency for the net.**

NET PREAMBLE

Calling the Waller County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net

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This is <your call>, my name is <your name>. I will be the primary net control station for tonight's net. Is tonight's backup net control station on frequency?

Acknowledge your back-up net control station.

This net meets each Thursday evening at 8:00 PM local time on the WA5TRC Tomball-Rosehill repeater 146.72, with the permission of the repeater trustee Mike Dietrich. This repeater requires a sub-audible tone of 123.0 Hertz for access. If your transmitter does not have this tone, transmit simplex on the repeater output frequency. If the repeater is down monitor the backup repeater 147.040 + tone 156.7 for instruction for the net.

This net may be interrupted at any time for any emergency traffic. (Pause and listen)

For information in becoming an ARES member, please list traffic for James / KD5JBT. For further information about the Waller County ARES group you may also check out the web site at: www.wcares.info whiskey whiskey whiskey decimal Whiskey Charlie Alpa Romeo Echo Sierra decimal india november foxtrot oscar .

Also, please join our IO Group "wallercountyares" where you will receive notices on membership and our activities

The purpose of this net is to practice radio-operating procedures, testing communications equipment, and providing information and training about the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. This net is open to all Amateur Radio operators. You do not have to be a member of ARES, or a member of any amateur radio club, to participate in this net.

This is a directed net, please address all transmissions to Net Control by giving your call sign only, and then wait for acknowledgment and instructions from Net Control. When checking in please use ITU phonetics, and speak slowly.

All stations are requested to remain on frequency until the net closes.
We also accept digital check-ins. **Please check-in digitally by sending a Winlink message to both KD5JBT and K5PRS before the end of the net.**

I will now take check-ins from stations WITH TRAFFIC. Stations with traffic please check-in now by giving your call sign only.

Acknowledge the call signs you hear before asking for more station.

Call each station that checked in with traffic, in the order they checked in, asking each one:
Their name, and the nature of their traffic.

Based upon the nature of their traffic, **YOU** decide if the traffic should be passed now, or if it is part of the training. If appropriate, call each station that listed traffic, and have them pass it now.

I will now take check-ins from mobile, emergency and low power stations.
Acknowledge the call signs you hear before asking for more stations; continue when no one answers.

(option A or B)

(A) I will now take check-ins from all stations.
Acknowledge the call signs you hear before asking for more stations; continue when no one answers.

(B) I will now take check-ins from stations with call sign suffixes beginning:
A alpha through M mike
Acknowledge the call signs you hear before asking for more stations; continue when no one answers.

N november through Z zulu
Acknowledge the call signs you hear before asking for more stations; continue when no one answers.

(ID the net and yourself before starting training or traffic)

Present the training material, or call for the station with the training assignment to present the training.

After the training has been presented, call each station in the order they checked in, asking each one: Their name if needed, and if they have any questions or comments on the training. Any new stations that check in welcome them to the Waller County ARES net.

This is <your call>, my name is <your name>. I will now take late check-ins for the Waller County ARES net. Please check in now by giving your call sign only.

I will now take a count of the digital check-in.
If report is not available, check after the net is closed.

Is there any further business for the net?

This is <your call> now closing the Waller County ARES net. This net meets each Thursday evening at 8:00 PM local time on the 146.72 Tomball- Rosehill repeater. Or as needed on the backup repeater 147.04 + with a tone of 156.7

I'd like to thank the Tomball Repeater Group and the other users of this repeater, for giving us a clear frequency to conduct this net. This repeater is now available for normal amateur radio use. <your call> clear.

EMERGENCY NET PROCEDURE

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

Calling the Waller County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net

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This is <your call>, my name is <your name>, net control station for this net.

This net is being activated at the direction of the Waller County ARES (Emergency Coordinator, Assistant Emergency Coordinator, etc):

due to an emergency

due to a potential emergency

as a drill

as an exercise

and with the permission of the Tomball Repeater Group and the repeater trustee.

This repeater 146.72 requires a sub-audible tone of 123 Hertz for access. If your transmitter does not have this tone, transmit simplex on the repeater output frequency. If the repeater fails please monitor backup repeater 147.040 and 146.47 simplex for instructions.

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

Briefly describe the emergency situation, drill or exercise.

Call for check-ins, if appropriate.

Prepare a resource list, if appropriate.

Announce back up frequencies and net control stations.

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.

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

A alpha through M mike.

Acknowledge all calls heard before asking for more stations; continue when no one answers.

N November through Z zulu.

Acknowledge all calls heard before asking for more stations; continue when no one answers.

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.

(End of) **EMERGENCY NET PROCEDURE**