

BERKELEY COUNTY ARES NET OPERATING PROCEDURES

FORMAL NET PREAMBLE

(Allow the repeater to drop between paragraphs or during any long transmission to allow for break-in traffic.)

Calling all Amateurs. (repeat three times)

This is (YOUR CALL, FIRST NAME & POSITION), net control station, calling together the Berkeley County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net for (DATE).

This net meets on Wednesday evenings at 20:00 local time through the use of the Berkeley County ARES Emergency Repeater at 147.150 Mhz Plus Shift.

The purpose of this net is to assist ARES operators in the training for and handling of emergency communications for the Berkeley County area.

While the first half of the net is directed to ARES members, we welcome and encourage all amateur radio operators to check in, even if you are not a member of ARES or RACES.

This is a directed net. All communications must be directed to net control unless otherwise authorized.

If you have an emergency during the net please state the word "emergency" followed by your call and the frequency will be turned over to you for the duration of the emergency.

I will now stand by for anyone with emergency or priority traffic ONLY at this time.

(Standby for stations calling, acknowledge them and direct them to send their traffic.)

I will now stand by for anyone with traffic or announcements for the net.

(Standby for stations calling, acknowledge them and record their traffic for later sending.)

FORMAL NET CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

I will now stand by for the regular net check-in. I will call stations in alphabetical order of the first letter of your call suffix. Please give your call slowly, along with your name, location, RACES ID (if applicable), and any position(s) you hold within the emergency communications structure.

(Standby for stations calling, acknowledge them and record their information in the net log. Call A-H, I-P and Q-Z)

(Stop the net and ask the net To stand by whenever you need it to i.e.-so you can write down everyone Checking in. Call for all suffixes to check in)

(When no further stations check into the net then proceed with The net.)

FORMAL NET OPERATION PROCEDURE

(Direct those stations that have traffic or announcements for the net to send their traffic.)

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(While controlling the net, remember to ask for new check-ins or if anyone has anything for the Net every few minutes approx. 5 - 10).

(List any current ARES/RACES information for the net.)

(Handle any educational information to be covered during this net.)

FORMAL NET CONCLUSION PROCEDURE

(Call for any final stations wishing to check into the net and check to see if there are any further comments or questions. If there is no further activity proceed to change the net from the formal session to the RagChew session.)

RAG CHEW NET PREAMBLE

This concludes the formal ARES net.

Please standby for the Rag Chew net to follow.

(Conduct a roundtable based on order of initial check-in,)

(Remember to ask for new check-ins or if anyone has anything for the Net every few minutes approx. 5 - 10).

RAG CHEW NET CONCLUSION PROCEDURE

(Call for any final stations wishing to check into the net and check to see if there are any further comments or questions.)

(If there is no further activity Proceed to close the net.)

This is (YOUR CALL & FIRST NAME) net control station for this session of the Berkeley County Rag Chew net thanking all of the stations that checked in today and for participating and supporting the net.

The Berkeley County Rag Chew net wishes to thank Berkeley County for their support in the operation of the Emergency Repeater used for this net. We also wish to thank the Ham who donated the equipment for the repeater to the Hams of Berkeley County for their exclusive use.

All stations may now secure.

This net is now secured at (TIME) local time.

This is (YOUR CALL) returning the repeater to its normal amateur operation.