# Repeater net control script

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This is the script for the weekly Washington County ARES net that meets on the 147.045 W0ARC repeater at 7:30pm Central time or immediately following the Washington County Net, the latter of the two, followed by a simplex net on 146.415 for Washington County ARES members.

## Pre-net (7:25pm)(If applicable)

Is the frequency in use? This is (callsign) _____ .

(break)

This is (callsign) _____ . The Washington County ARES net will begin in approximately FIVE minutes.

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(ONE MINUTE before the net)

This is (callsign) _____ . The Washington County ARES net will begin in approximately ONE minute.

## Preamble

QST,QST,QST... This is (callsign) _____ , Net Control Operator for the Washington County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Training net. My name is (name/position) _____ , and I am located in (city or locality) _____ , Iowa. This net meets every Monday evening at 7:30 pm local time or immediately following the Washington County net, for the purpose of planning, practicing, discussing, and encouraging interest, in the activities of the Washington County ARES group. Please also note that a short simplex net will be held immediately following this net on 146.415 for Washington County amateurs. This is our state coordinated ARES simplex emergency frequency.

### Emergency traffic

Any emergency traffic will be handled with top priority during this net. I will now break for any emergency traffic. Emergency traffic only, please call now.

(break)

(If there is no emergency traffic, say "Nothing heard" and continue)

If you need to pass emergency traffic at any time during this net, please notify Net Control and your traffic will be handled accordingly.

## Net practices

This is a directed net. Please do not transmit acknowledged by Net Control. During the net, please direct all communications through Net Control, (callsign) _____ .

Please check out with Net Control if you should need to leave the net prior to closing.

This net is open to any licensed amateur radio operator that has an interest in amateur radio public service communications. This net is affiliated with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service of the American Radio Relay League; however ARES membership is not required to check in to the net this evening. ARES is not affiliated with any local club or group, and is under the direction of the ARRL appointed Emergency Coordinator. The EC for Washington County, Iowa is AB0DX. This is a training net, therefore, participating stations are encouraged to record the callsigns of all check-ins. In the event the NCS was to go off the air, you may need to serve as alternate NCS.

Please remember that if this repeater is not operational at the time of the net, this net will be held on 146.415 simplex.

This is (callsign) _____ , Net Control Operator for the Washington County ARES net. All stations please standby.

(break for the repeater)

## Check-ins

We will accept check-ins in order of ARES affiliation. All stations will have an opportunity to check in; however, please wait for the appropriate check-in group. We will begin with ARES State Officers, then AECs, then stations on EchoLink, then Washington County ARES members, then all other ARES members, and finally general check-ins.

When called for check-in, please say "This is", (unkey) then unkey and listen. If you do not hear another station, continue your transmission providing:

- your call sign, first alphabetically then again with international phonetics,

- your name,

- your location,

- whether you have announcements or comments for the net,

- and, whether or not you plan to check into the Simplex Net following the close of this net.

We will now take check-ins from ARES State Officers. Please provide your title when checking in. ARES State Officers only, please call now.

(break)

(As stations check in, recognize them in groups of four, keeping a log of the call signs and names. Make note of anyone who has an announcement or comment.)

We will now take check-ins from Washington County Assistant Emergency Coordinators. Washington County ARES AECs only, please call now.

(break)

We will now take check-ins from stations on EchoLink. EchoLink stations only, please call now.

(break)

(Due to the nature of EchoLink connections, please allow sufficient time for the repeater carrier to drop. Only then will EchoLink stations be able to transmit.)

(break)

We will now take check-ins from Washington County ARES members. Washington County ARES members only, please call now.

(break)

We will now take check-ins from all ARES members. Please provide the county of your ARES membership when checking in. ARES members only, please call now.

(break)

And finally, we will now take general check-ins. If you have not yet checked in and wish to do so, please call now.

(break)

## Announcements, discussion, and questions

This is (callsign) _____ , Net Control Operator for the Washington County Amateur

Radio Emergency Service net.

(Recognize any stations that checked in with announcements or comments)

(Make any ARES Team member announcements.....

Last Announcement: Reminder to all stations, Immediately after this net has closed, a quick simplex net will take place on 146.415 for Washington ARES team members. All area stations that are able to are encouraged to check in.

(If AB0DX is not calling the net <u>and is on frequency</u>): I will now turn the net over to the Washington County EC for additional announcements and comments.

- AB0DX from (callsign of NCS _____). Over to you.

- (Recognize any additional stations with announcements, discussion items, or questions; give them the opportunity to make their announcement; and facilitate any discussion or questions)

- (The NCS proceeds through the list of check-ins asking each person for any additional comments.)

- (Suggested topics: new software programs, new radio modes, new radios / interfaces that have been tried.)

- (The NCS asks if anyone wants to comment on anything they've heard up until now.)

- (Call on any stations that respond. Repeat as needed.)

This is (callsign) _____ , Net Control Operator for the Washington County Amateur Radio Emergency Service net. Do we have any questions, comments or announcements that you would like to share with the group? If so, please call now.

**(break)**


## Final check-ins

Before closing the net, are there any additional stations who would like to check in to the Washington County ARES net? If so, please call now.

(break)

(Log and recognize any late check-ins)

## Close

Thank you to everyone who participated in this evening's Washington County ARES net.

The mission of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service®, Inc. is to provide reliable and alternate communications to our served agencies in times of emergency, disaster, or national crisis, as well as to public service events. This is accomplished through the training of ARES® volunteers in communication procedures, national operational procedures as required by FEMA, and the development of the technical skills necessary to complete their communication missions under a variety of situations including adverse communication conditions.

The Washington County ARES team would like to thank the Washington Area Amateur Radio Club for maintaining this repeater for public service communications.

This evening we had (check-in count) _____ check-ins, including myself.

The next scheduled net will be next Monday evening, at 7:30 pm or at the close of the Washington Co. net, whichever being the latter of the two.

This is (callsign) _____ , securing the net at (local time) _____ pm local time and returning the repeater to normal amateur radio use. All stations please proceed to 146.415 for the Washington County ARES simplex net. This is (callsign) _____ clear and QSY to 146.415Mhz.

## Post-net

After the net is over, please send a plain text (no attachment) e-mail to: AB0DX (at) arrl.net, with a list of the stations that checked in and the time the net was closed. This will allow us to make a report of our net and volunteer time. Thank you!