



Sussex County Delaware Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Net Control Script

Pre Net

Three minutes before the net: *"This is [Call Sign] the Sussex County ARES net will begin in approximately 3 minutes."*

Preamble

"This is [NCS Call Sign] calling the Sussex County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net. This net meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month at 7:00 PM on the 147.090 repeater (PL156.7) maintained and owned by the Sussex Amateur Radio Association."

This is a directed net. During the net, please direct all communications through net control, [callsign]. This net is open to anyone interested in ARES and emergency communications. ARES membership is not required and all Amateurs are encouraged to check in.

The purpose of ARES is to furnish emergency communications when regular communications fail or become inadequate during natural or man-made disasters for supported agencies within Delaware and Sussex County.

At this time, I'm looking for a backup net control station. Is there a volunteer for back-up net control? I recognize [Call Sign] as my backup.

Any emergency or priority traffic will be handled with 'top priority' during this net. If you have emergency or priority traffic, please call [Call Sign] net control now."

"Any Relays for Emergency Traffic call Net Control Now"

Echolink Check-ins

"I will now call for Echolink check-ins at this time. Echolink Check In's Only at this time. Call Net Control Now."

Regular Check-ins

"I will now call for check-ins. To check-in, say the words "This is", unkey and listen for another station, then continue by giving your call sign. When checking in say only your callsign unless you have traffic or announcements for the net. If you are an EOC station or a station representing another EMCOMM group, please say your affiliation when you check in (for example, K3XYZ, Kent County Skywarn". All stations please check in at this time."

Recognition of Check-ins

Net control recognizes **[say all of the stations that checked in]**.

Announcements

”Are there any announcements for the net? Please call [Call Sign] net control.”

Recognize stations with announcements, giving them the opportunity to make their announcement. Encourage notices in advance of non-ham events where our services may be utilized.

Additional Check-ins

”I will now pause to recognize any additional check-ins. Any station who wishes to check into the net, please call [Call Sign] net control now.”

Discussion/Questions

The discussion and question portion of the net allows participating stations to discuss public service and emergency communications activities, as well as address any questions about ARES.

”Any station having a question or an item for discussion, please call [Call Sign] net control now.”

Recognize stations...if it’s a discussion item, open the net for discussion. Have stations with comments call you, then recognize them!...If there’s a question that you know the direct answer to, answer the question, otherwise, turn the net over to the EC for an answer. If the EC isn’t on frequency, allow stations with an answer to answer by calling you.

Last Call for Additional Check-ins

Upon completion of any drill, comments, or announcements the NCS will give a final opportunity for anyone else to check in.

”Before I close the net, I will pause to recognize any additional check-ins. Any station who wishes to check into the net, please call [Call Sign] net control now.”

Close

”I will now bring the net to a close. This evening we had [?] check-ins. When I say your call sign please respond with your call sign and ‘closing station’.”

The NCS will then call all stations that checked in.

When all stations have closed, the NCS will make the following announcement:

“Sussex County ARES would like to thank everyone who checked in, and also thank the Sussex Amateur Radio Association for the use of the repeater this evening. The next scheduled net will be, [date] at 7:00 PM. I will now return the repeater to normal use. This is [call sign] net control closing the net at (time).”

The NCS should maintain a log (ICS Form 309) and report this information to the Emergency Coordinator following the net.