

# ARES WEEKLY NET SCRIPT – V7

## ARES Weekly Net Control Station (NCS) Format

### Introduction

This document contains the scripts for two (2) different approaches to running the Weekly ARES Net as the Net Control Station. The script for the first approach, the preferred approach, provides for calling for Net Check-ins by Call Suffix. The script for the second approach provides for calling for Net Check-ins in the order shown in the “Check-in Worksheet, Version 4 or higher.

You as the Net Control may choose the approach and the Net Control Script that you are most comfortable with. However it is recommended that after trying the second approach once or twice that you try calling for Net Check-ins by Call Suffix as this approach approximates how other operators will call you during an actual event.

Please log all check-ins by Call, First Name and Location. When you have closed the Net for the evening after taking all check-ins, please forward a copy of that log via email to the AEC for Network Operations @ [dldodge@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dldodge@tampabay.rr.com).

### Check-in Script By Call Suffix

“This is (*call sign*). My name is (*Name*). I am located in (*City/Town*).

“I will be calling the Citrus County ARES Net this evening. This is a directed net convened for the purpose of furthering emergency communications expertise, training, and for informing members of ARES activities. Checking into this net will also ensure that your radio equipment is working properly. Net control will always break for Emergency Traffic, please use double “BREAK” if you have an emergency.”

(Beep – Courtesy)

“You do not need to belong to a Local Amateur Radio Club or the American Radio Relay League to participate in or support ARES emergency communications.”

(Beep - Courtesy)

“This net meets every Wednesday evening at 1900 hours Local Time on the W4CRA repeater at a frequency of 146.955 MHz with a PL tone of 103.5 hz.”

(Beep)

“Do we have any stations with announcements, bulletins, or news of general interest to the net?”

*(log calls as necessary and acknowledge. Then ask each person with an announcement, bulletin or news to deliver their announcement, bulletin or news).*

*(After all the announcements, bulletins and news has been delivered thank everybody for their contribution)*

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(Beep)

“Is there any traffic to be passed?”

(Beep)

*(After all traffic has been handled)*

“Are there any short time or mobile ARES stations wishing to check-in at this time?”

(Beep)

*(After all short time or mobile station check-ins have been acknowledged)*

“This net will operate using check-ins by call suffix group. Please wait until your call suffix group is called before checking in. When you check-in, please give your call, name and location.”

“At this time ARES Staff Members who wish to check-in may do so by stating your call, name, location and ARES Staff Position.”

(Beep)

*(Acknowledge each checked-in ARES Staff Member by repeating at least their call and name, and if there is any doubt, their location and ARES Staff Position – if you did not understand either their call, name, location or ARES staff Position **DO NOT** acknowledge their check-in.)*

(Beep)

“Any ARES Staff member that checked-in and did not hear their call and name, location and ARES Staff Position please recheck-in at this time”

(Beep)

“I will now take ARES stations of record that wish to check-in with call suffixes beginning with A thru I”,...*(log call, name and location)*... **NOTE: The suffix break points indicated here are only a suggestion. Net Control may choose any suffix break point that they find suitable, such as “A thru J”, for example.**

(Beep)

*(Acknowledge each checked-in station by repeating their call, name and location – if you did not understand either their call, name or location **DO NOT** acknowledge their check-in.)*

(Beep)

Any station whose check-in was not acknowledged please recheck-in at this time.

(Beep)

“I will now take ARES stations that wish to check in with call suffixes beginning with J Thru R”,... *(log call, name and location)*...

(Beep)

*(Repeat check-in acknowledgement procedures above)*

“I will now take ARES stations that wish to check in with call suffixes beginning with S thru Z” *(log call, name and location)*...

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(Beep)

*(Repeat check-in acknowledgement procedures above)*

(Beep)

*(After all checked-ins have been acknowledged)*

“Are there any other stations that have not already checked-in who wish to check in with the Citrus County ARES Net at this time?”

(Beep)

*(Log stations and acknowledge calls if any)*

*(Now poll all checked-in stations, collectively as a group, for any comments or other information.)*

“Next Wednesday, this net will be held on a frequency of *146.955 MHz* at 19:00 hours Local Time. All are invited to join us.”

(Beep)

“If you are interested in becoming an ARES member please contact either the ARES AEC for Administration, Ronnie King, K4RLK at 352-346-2346 or the ARES Emergency Coordinator, Jerry Dixon, WA6QFC at 352-212-4521 or visit our web site at [www.CitrusCountyARES.com](http://www.CitrusCountyARES.com)”

“Are there any comments, or is there anything we can do for any stations before I close the net?” *(wait)*

“Hearing nothing further, I will now close the Net at *(Time)*. Thank you all for checking in.”

“This is *(Your Call)* ARES Net Control returning this repeater to routine use.”

“*(Your Call)* is clear. 73 and good night to all.”

The above is just a guide... just follow the basic outlines and everything should go smoothly.

### **Check-in Script Using The Check-in Worksheet**

“This is *(call sign)*. My name is *(Name)*. I am located in *(City/Town)*.”

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“Do we have any stations with announcements, bulletins, or news of general interest to the net?”

*(log calls as necessary and acknowledge. Then ask each person with an announcement, bulletin or news to deliver their announcement, bulletin or news).*

*(After all the announcements, bulletins and news has been delivered thank everybody for their contribution)*

(Beep)

“Is there any traffic to be passed?”

(Beep)

*(After all traffic has been handled)*

“Are there any short-time or mobile stations who wish to check-in at this time?”

(Beep)

*(After all short time or mobile station check-ins have been acknowledged)*

This net will operate with a roll call or polling system. Please wait until you hear your call before checking in. When you check-in, please give your call, name and location. If you are unsure as to whether or not you heard your call correctly please re-state your call followed by your name and location ”

(Beep)

I will now roll call ARES Staff Members.

(Beep)

*(After all ARES Staff Members have been polled)*

“Any ARES Staff member that did not hear their call, name, location and ARES Staff Position, please recheck-in at this time”

(Beep)

“I will now roll call all other stations of record that wish to check-in at this time.”

(Beep)

*(After all stations of record have been polled and checked-in)*

“Are there any other stations of record that have not heard their call, name and location called or who wish to check in with the Citrus County ARES Net at this time?”

(Beep)

*(Log stations and acknowledge calls if any)*

(Beep)

*(Poll all checked-in stations collectively, as a group, for any further comments or info)*

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*(After all comments have been made and all information delivered)*

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“Are there any comments, or is there anything we can do for any stations before I close the net? (*wait*)

Hearing nothing further, I will now close the Net at (*Time*). Thank you all for checking in.”

“This is (*Your Call*) ARES Net Control returning this repeater to routine use.”

“(*Your Call*) is clear. 73 and good night to all.”

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### **A few hints:**

1. Ask the stations to give their Call signs Slowly, Clearly, and phonetically, so that you may copy the call correctly. You can split the suffixes any way you are comfortable with for check-ins. At the present time we seem to have more in the first half of the alphabet..
2. You are the Net Control Station. All queries should be directed to you, so that you may handle them and ask the appropriate station(s) to respond. This cuts down on the unneeded traffic.

The repeater information is as follows:

W4CRA repeater:

146.955 MHz - 600 kHz offset

CTCSS Tone 103.5 Hz (Tone is not always activated)

**NOTE:** The Use of W4CIT repeater for the ARES Wednesday Net is **suspended** until further notice

W4CIT repeater:

146.775 Mhz - 600 kHz offset

CTCSS Tone 146.2 Hz