

METERS ARES 75 Meter Relay Net Preamble

[At approximately 5 minutes before net time, provide a general broadcast announcement that the net is about to start (e.g. ***"This is <Callsign>, all stations on frequency be advised that the METERS ARES Relay Net will begin on frequency at 1900 hours. <Callsign> out"***.)

At precisely 1900 hours local time, begin the net by asking if the frequency is in use (e.g. ***"This is <Callsign>, is the frequency in use?"***) Since this net is a long established net it is unlikely that a **QSO** will be in progress, but you should be prepared to call the net on an alternate frequency if the primary repeater is in use and the participants do not wish to move their **QSO** to an alternate frequency. Should a **SKYWARN Net** be imminent, you might also plan on calling the net on the alternate frequency (146.625MHz).

Begin the net by announcing (reading) the following preamble/script:

"Calling the METERS Amateur Radio Emergency Services Relay Net. This is <give your Callsign phonetically>. My name is <your name>, I spell <spell your name phonetically>. I am the Net Control Station and I am located in <name of county> County, Tennessee. Any stations with emergency traffic, please call now."

HANDLE ANY EMERGENCY TRAFFIC

Continue the net only after no emergency traffic is heard

Then announce:

"Hearing no further emergency traffic, all stations checking in to this relay net will be relayed to the 75 Meter statewide ARES net on 3.980 MHz, Lower Sideband. This relay net is held every Monday night from 1900 to 1925 hours Eastern Local Time. Our alternate frequency is the 146.625 MHz repeater which may have a 100 Hz Encode tone set, depending on current conditions. No ARES affiliation is needed to check in to this net."

(Let repeater reset.)

Finally announce:

"Stations wishing to check-in, please give your call sign phonetically, your name, and your county of ARES affiliation. If you are not affiliated with ARES please identify your present location by county. This is a check-in only net and you do not have to remain on frequency or check-out. Each station will be separately acknowledged by the NCS. Stations wishing to check-in, please call Net Control now."

VERBALLY ACKNOWLEDGE EACH STATION, LOG THEIR CHECKINS AND HANDLE ANY TRAFFIC LISTED

If you have a lull in check-ins, repeat the following preamble:

“Calling the METERS Amateur Radio Emergency Services Relay Net. This is <give your Callsign phonetically>. My name is <name>, <spell your name phonetically>. I am your Net Control Station and I am located in <name of county> County, Tennessee. All stations checking in to this relay net will be relayed to the 75 Meter statewide ARES net on 3.980 MHz, Lower Sideband. This relay net is held every Monday night from 1900 to 1925 hours Eastern Local Time. Our alternate frequency is the 146.625 MHz repeater which may have a 100Hz Encode tone set, depending on current conditions. No ARES affiliation is needed to check in to this net.”

Next summarize any announcements listed earlier and remind listeners of the regularly scheduled METERS nets on this frequency that are held on Tuesday and Wednesday at 2100 and on Sunday at 2200.

Finally call for additional check-ins by repeating the following preamble:

“Stations wishing to check-in, please give your call sign phonetically, your name, and your county of ARES affiliation. If you are not affiliated with ARES please identify your present location by county. This is a check-in only net and you do not have to remain on frequency or check-out. Each station will be separately acknowledged by the NCS. Stations wishing to check-in, please call Net Control now.”

*****CONTINUE TO VERBALLY ACKNOWLEDGE EACH STATION, LOG THEIR CHECKINS AND HANDLE ANY TRAFFIC*****

At 1924 hrs local, prepare to close the net by announcing:

“I’d like to thank everyone who checked in tonight and thank Tim Berry, WB4GBI, for the use of this repeater. The METERS ARES Relay Net is now closed at <current time> and this repeater is returned to normal Amateur Radio use. <Call sign> out.”

[Unless you are handling Emergency Traffic, do **not** continue the net after 1925 hrs local time as the Sevier County Emergency Radio Service is scheduled to begin their net at 1930 hours local.]

LOGGING:

Please keep a written log of call signs, names, county of location, and ARES affiliations.

REPORTING:

1. Report the total number of check-ins, including any relays, to the METERS Net Manager, KA4OKJ, either by voice on frequency at the end of the net or by email to KA4OKJ@AOL.COM . Be sure to include your self and any other operators at your location.

2. Report each station's call sign by email to: **POINTS@COGLE.US** .

3. Report, by voice, the total number of check-ins by county (sorted alphabetically) to the combined Tennessee ARES Phone Net Control Station on 3.980 MHz between 1930 and 2000 hours local time. If you do not have this capability, ask another METERS station or a Sevier County Emergency Radio Service station to be your HF Liaison station.

This report will reflect the total number of stations checking in from each Tennessee County, or surrounding state, and the number of those stations that were ARES affiliated. If a station checks in from a location in one county, but reports an affiliation with another county then log that station against the county of ARES affiliation.

Please note that you can not report more stations being affiliated with ARES in a county than the total number of stations checking in from that county. Some stations may report ARES affiliation in more than one county, and they may also report other affiliations such as SKYWARN, RACES, or MARS/CAP liaison. However, we will report only the ARES affiliation, and only a single ARES affiliation per station.

Also, please remember to sort your report alphabetically by county (e.g. typically Anderson first, then Blount, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Green, Hamblin, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Roane, and Sevier), followed by any out of state stations (typically Kentucky and Virginia).

For example, if you had a total of seven stations checking in from Knox County of which five were affiliated with ARES, your report for Knox County would be:
"Knox County figures 7 slant 5".