

## **METERS ARES 75 & 2 Meter Relay Net Preamble**

**(This is a Weekly net held every Monday evening)**

[At 5 minutes before net time, make a general announcement that the METERS ARES Relay Net will start at 7 PM.] ***“This is <Callsign>, Please note that the METERS ARES 2-Meter Relay Net will begin on this frequency at 1900 hours. <Callsign> out”***

[At 7 PM local time, begin by asking if the frequency is in use,] ***“This is <Callsign>. Is this 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 our 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, or in action, you should also plan on calling the net on the alternate frequency (146.625MHz). Ask the SKYWARN NCS if you may announce this net's move to the alternate frequency.]

Begin by using the following preamble/script:

***“Calling the METERS Amateur Radio Emergency Services Relay Net. This is <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 Knox County, Tennessee. Any stations with emergency traffic, please call now.”***

**\*\*\*HANDLE ANY EMERGENCY TRAFFIC\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Continue the net only after handling emergency traffic, if any\*\*\***

Then announce:

***“All stations checking into this 2-Meter relay net will be relayed to the 75 Meter statewide ARES net on 3.980 MHz, Lower Sideband. This net is held every Monday night from 1900 to 1925 hours Eastern Standard [or Daylight Savings] Time. Our alternate frequency is the 146.625 MHz repeater. No ARES affiliation is needed to check in to this net, however we will ask if you are affiliated with ARES.”***

(Let repeater reset.)

[Finally announce:]

***“Stations wishing to check-in, please speak slowly and give your call sign phonetically, your name, your location by county, and if you are affiliated with ARES. This is a check-in only net and you do not have to remain on frequency or check-out. -- Net Control will separately acknowledge each station. Any Stations wishing to check-in, please call Net Control now.”***

**\*\*\*VERBALLY ACKNOWLEDGE EACH STATION, LOG THEIR CHECK-IN AND HANDLE ANY TRAFFIC OR ANNOUNCEMENTS LISTED\*\*\***

[If you have a lull in check-ins, fill the time by repeating the following preamble:]

***“Calling the METERS ARES Relay Net. This is <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 Standard [or Daylight Savings] Time. Our alternate frequency is the 146.625 MHz repeater. Our alternate frequency may have an access tone set at 100Hz depending on current conditions. No ARES affiliation is needed to check in to this net.”***

[Next summarize any announcements listed earlier.]

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

***“Stations wishing to check-in, please give your call sign phonetically, your name, your location by county, and if you are affiliated with ARES. This is a check-in only net and you do not have to remain on frequency or check-out. Net Control will acknowledge each station checking in. Stations for the net, please call now.”***

**\*\*\*CONTINUE TO VERBALLY ACKNOWLEDGE EACH STATION, LOG THEIR CHECK-INS AND HANDLE ANY TRAFFIC\*\*\***

[At 1924 (7:24 PM), prepare to close the net by announcing:]

***“I’d like to thank everyone who checked in tonight and also thanks to Mr. Tim Berry, WB4GBI, for the use of this repeater. The METERS ARES 2-Meter 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. Other nearby county ARES nets may schedule their net(s) at 1930 hours local on this frequency. If asked, you may report that the Sevier County ARES group has moved to the 145.470 Mhz repeater but may eventually return to this frequency.]

**See next page for reporting requirements:**

**FOLLOWING ARE PROCEDURAL NOTES FOR USE WITH THIS NET.**

LOGGING:

Please keep a written log of call signs, names, county, and ARES affiliations. This is for your own file and possible future reference. We have a logging form on the website in Excel format which may be useful.

REPORTING:

If you have HF capability on 80 Meters, you should report, by voice, the TOTAL number of check-ins and the TOTAL number of ARES affiliated check-ins, 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 if another station who has checked in, has HF ability, and is willing to be your HF liaison to check into the 80-meter net with these totals. -- If no liaison station volunteers, you should send your report via e-mail to both our local EC and to the DEC, with a note that, "no active HF liaison was available on this net on this date". Knox County ARES EC (at this time) is Kevin W4KEV, and DEC is Rick K4AMT. Both can be e-mailed to their call sign (at) arrl.net. - Your report to State ARES should show only the total number of stations checking in and the number of those stations that were affiliated with Knox County ARES. [We are currently charged with only reporting Knox County ARES check-ins.]

For METERS use only, e-mail both the TOTAL number of check-ins, and your list of call-sign check-ins, including any relays, by email to [netreports@metersinc.org](mailto:netreports@metersinc.org). Be sure to include yourself as NCS, and any other operators at your location. (This report is automatically dispersed to METERS reporters maintaining records of participation.)

Although 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, you should log only the ARES affiliation, and only a single ARES county affiliation per station. Also note that although you may sort your report by county we are no longer asked to report check-ins by County in sending in our Knox County report

Example: If you had a total of seven stations checking in of which five were affiliated with Knox County ARES, your report would be: "***Knox County: figures 7 slant 5***".

(Preamble suggested by John K9RSQ, July 30, 2009)