

ARES District 4 Net Script

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Good Evening everyone and welcome to the South Texas District 4 ARES net.
This is

 TOM (*name*) K5BV (*call*) ARES EC for Aransas and San Patricio Counties
(position e.g. member, AEC, etc. & County)

I will be the Net Control Station for tonight's net. First, if there are any stations with
priority or emergency traffic please call

 K5BV (*call*) at this time. UN-KEY

Either say *"nothing heard"* or *handle the traffic immediately.*

All hams in all Counties are welcome to check in to this net. You do not need to be
an ARES member to participate in this net.

The purpose of ARES, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, is to furnish
emergency communications via amateur radio when regular means of
communications fail or become inadequate during an emergency situation. ARES
is sponsored by the ARRL, and supported by area radio clubs and individual hams.
The only qualifications for ARES are that you possess an amateur radio license and
you have a desire to help others. For more information or off-net questions please
contact one of the following by email

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The net is currently scheduled monthly for the First Thursday at 8 PM. This is
subject to change. We are currently using the 147.060 repeater in Corpus Christi
with a (+) PLUS offset and a 107.2 tone.

This net is being conducted for the purpose of providing training and information
related to emergency communications; to serve as a forum for discussion; and to
foster fellowship among Amateur Radio operators.

Next, are there any operators who would like to make announcement or provide
information related to EmComm? This is not general check-in. Please State your call
now.

Tonight after Check-In There will be a discussion of Attitude, Capabilities and EmComm.

For Check-In, if the frequency has been clear a second or two key the MIC and s-l-o-w-y give your FCC call sign using ITU phonetics spoken clearly and slowly and UNKEY. Stating your name as well will be appreciated. Writing calls down takes a moment so allow a couple of seconds. Keep checking in and calls will be reviewed for clarifications, errors and missed calls. Please check-in with K5BV (Call) now.

(note these actions)

- *read each call back,*
- *ask for corrections*
- *ask for additional check-ins*

We will have comments after the tonight's material.

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Net Control K5BV (*your call*) will now go down the list for comments.

- *go down list of check-ins*
- *now have presenter give their comments)*

Final call for check-ins. Additional stations for the net please check-in now with K5BV (*your call*).

(again note these actions)

- *read each call back,*
- *ask for corrections*
- *ask for comments*

THIS IS NET. We had XX check-ins tonight. Thank you all for joining the ARES net tonight, and thanks to the repeater owners and mountaineers for the use of these fine repeaters. I am now closing the net and returning these repeaters back to normal amateur radio use. Stations may remain on frequency to make additional QSOs.

Net Control K5BV (*your call*) Out.

FCC CALL

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DATE 05-03-2018

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Attitude, Capabilities and Emcomm

Modified from Waller County ARES training material

There are instances of Amateurs driving 100's to a 1000 miles with only an HT volunteering their services to aid in an emergency. More than a few of the Amateur Radio fraternity feel that having an operator's license automatically makes them an asset to public safety communications?

I was present when an Amateur stood before a room filled new Community Emergency Response Team volunteers and told the group if they attended his Technician Class Amateur License Exam Class that they would be more qualified for Emergency Communications than 911 Operators.

Unfortunately this attitude is held by many amateurs and is an example of something in need of change.

The first word in the title of tonight's material is **Attitude**.

The people we will be **servicing** - remember that word, **servicing** - are professionals that have seen far too many people more interested in impressing someone than in getting the job done. We will actually impress them far more by being as quiet as we can and doing our job well. Results will cement relations with a served agency.

The next word in the title is **Capabilities**.

Amateurs in South Texas who have joined ARES are urged to work through the West Gulf Division Training Initiative.

The training is to be recorded in a Task Book and entered in the WEB site Courses and Training section.

If anyone is not familiar with the Task Book and the WEB page go to arrlstx.org. There select the STX ARES drop down menu. Then select STX Info Depot.

Nothing in the course of study from the Technician to Extra Class Amateur License classes makes anyone even a minimal asset for public safety communications.

Finally in the title for tonight's material is the word **EmComm**

Simply stated, **EmComm requires an explicit mental commitment to help others**. To be effective in EmComm we must spend time in training and practice. Many say "I did that before, so I don't need to practice". This is not true. It will take time, a lot of time, to be successful.

AN IMPORTANT RULE - Do not adjust, play with or fiddle with any piece of equipment in use for an event, during that event, unless it is malfunctioning.

Remember, an incident scene is not about radios and being a Ham, it's about the incident and we need to part of the solution and not part of the problem.

What is a Communications Emergency?

The easiest way to think about a communications emergency is to begin by using the definitions in the [Incident Command System \(ICS\)](#). "An Incident is any planned or unplanned event requiring emergency service personnel to prevent or minimize loss of life and/or damage to property and natural resources."

We can see that during a large scale Incident it would be possible to have enough information (traffic) flow that the emergency service communications could become overloaded to a level that it would fail to function as required by the incident.

What defines a communications emergency?

When normal communications processes are inadequate to handle the information flow required to service an incident.

What role does Amateur Radio serve?

Our primary role is to support the emergency management community (responders, relief and recovery agencies) with communications during times of emergency and disaster when normal communications are unavailable or overwhelmed.

We are NOT a rapid response team.

If we arrive at the scene of an emergency just as the sirens are quieting, keep our mouths shut and stay out of the way! We do not provide first aid, transport victims, provide traffic control or any other function normally provided by public service agencies. We DO provide communication when public service systems are overloaded. Even the SKYWARN group does not activate until the National Weather Service has requested our help.

Emergency communications involves both amateurs and non-amateurs alike. Emergency communicators must have the equipment, skill and knowledge to improvise additional communications capacity in very short order. **In all of this, leadership, teamwork and initiative are key factors to success!**

Who runs the event?

When we are working any event please understand that we are there to help the served agency with a communications shortfall.

A large problem that agencies have experienced with Amateur Radio has is operators go into an event and try to take over. Cowboy and "wanna-be" behavior WILL discourage the served agency from ever using Amateur Radio services again. In some cases it has resulted in the Amateur Radio operator involved being arrested and removed from the scene.

The agencies we serve will typically have a leadership structure based on the ICS courses that are recommended for ARES. We need to recognize that amateur radio communications is a support function limited to managing the communications traffic we are tasked with sending and receiving.