

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

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 MHz 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. UN-KEY

Tonight after Check-In **WE WILL DISCUSS THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ARES AND RACES**.

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*

I hope we have a robust discussion after the material on ARES and RACES.

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Before we go down the list for comments if there any late check-ins please provide your call now.

(again note these actions)

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

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 maintainers 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 12 - 06 - 2018

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WHAT ARE ARES AND RACES?

ARES

- The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes.
- Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization, is eligible for membership in the ARES.
- The only qualification, other than possession of an Amateur Radio license, is a desire to serve. Because ARES is an amateur service, only amateurs are eligible for membership.

ARES Organization

- There are four levels of ARES organization—national, section, district and local.
- National emergency coordination at ARRL Headquarters is under the supervision of the ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager.
- At the section level, the Section Emergency Coordinator, SEC, is appointed by the Section Manager and works under their supervision.
- The District level has the District Emergency Coordinator, DEC, appointed by the Section Emergency Coordinator.
- At the local level there are ARES Emergency Coordinators, EC. The EC is usually recommended by the DEC and appointed by the SEC. The EC may have jurisdiction over a small community or a large city, an entire county or even a group of counties.

RACES

- The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, RACES, is established by FCC Part 97.409. In Texas RACES is administered by the Texas Department of Emergency Management, TDEM, and supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). RACES is a part of the Amateur Radio Service and provides radio communications during periods of local, regional or national civil emergencies.
 - As defined in the rules, RACES is a radio communication service, conducted by volunteer licensed amateurs.
- RACES operation is authorized by emergency management officials only, and this operation is strictly limited to official civil emergency communications and preparing for such emergency-communications .
 - RACES does not provide communications during a bike race, marathon and similar. RACES is only activated during civil emergencies.
- In Texas amateurs must be officially enrolled by the TDEM to operate on the frequencies being used by RACES. When officially activated RACES operations use amateur

frequencies and amateur stations. The RACES authorized operations use their primary station licenses with a suffix called a unit added to their FCC assigned station call sign.

- If the Station is a Club or other organization station both the Station and the Operator must be Authorized for RACES operation by the TDEM.

- Operator privileges in RACES are dependent upon and identical to those for the class of Operator license held by the Individual in the Amateur Radio Service.

- RACES was originally based on potential use for wartime, it has evolved over the years to encompass all types of emergencies. While operating in a RACES capacity, RACES stations and amateurs registered in the local RACES organization may not communicate with amateurs not authorized to operate in a RACES capacity.

- Test and drills are permitted for a maximum of one hour per week. All test and drill messages must be clearly so identified.

ARES AND RACES FAQs

- Activation of ARES and RACES

- ARES is activated before, during and after an emergency. Generally, ARES handles all emergency messages, including those between government emergency management officials.

- RACES, on the other hand, almost never starts before an emergency and is active only during the emergency and during the immediate aftermath if government emergency management offices need communications support. RACES is normally shut down shortly after the emergency has cleared.

- What are the rules on communication?

- A station operating under RACES may only communicate with:

- 1) RACES stations licensed to the local civil defense organization;
- 2) Other RACES licensees;
- 3) Certain amateur stations registered with civil defense organizations;
- 4) Certain US government stations authorized by the responsible agency to communicate with RACES stations and;
- 5) Stations authorized by the FCC Regulations Part 97.407(d).

- A station operating in ARES may communicate with any amateur station operating under the Amateur Radio Service rules

- How do I Volunteer?

- ARES and RACES are both vital organizations and need participation to make them effective.

- To volunteer for South Texas ARES go on-line to arrlstx.org, mouse over top menu STX ARES and click Info Depot.

- For Texas RACES email the local RACES District Radio Officer who is Jim N5VL at his address RACESDRO20@gmail.com.

I appreciate Bob KF5CFU preparing this material and emailing it to me from Maine. Bob based this on material found at the Yavapai County Arizona ARES and ARRL web sites.