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 s*ay "**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 146.820 repeater in Corpus Christi with a (-) Minus 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.

(Recognize those with information if any before check-in)

Tonight after Check-In we will hopefully clear up some issues regarding Prohibited Message Content.

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 on __**Prohibited Message Content.**__

This is __**K5BV**__ (call & UN-KEY) ***GO TO PAGE 4***

(after finished)

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 maintaineers 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	**NAME**	**DATE** _11_ - _07_ - _2019_

01 ___K5BV_____   ____TOM_____ *(ENTER NET CONTROL)*

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Prohibited Message Content

This is not a tutorial on the handling of Health and Welfare Traffic in a disaster. Such traffic is basically the job of the Red Cross and they have rules and policies.

This material tonight is general guidance on certain types of messages that, as a general rule, should be avoided.

If something is prohibited do not automatically decide that an agency request makes it OK. Obtain a signature authorizing sending by non-secure methods.

Message Content
If you are accepting a message from its author, certain information should be refused or strongly discouraged. Outgoing advisories or responses to Welfare Information messages from the disaster area should never include the person's home address. Enterprising thieves have been known to listen to scanners and then loot evacuees' homes.

Never handle or deliver a fatality report in any Amateur Radio message. That function is strictly reserved for disaster officials through their own channels. It is also a matter of security. We have all heard the TV reporter doing a fatality story saying, "the victim's name was not released pending notification of next of kin". Nothing could be worse than finding out that a loved one had died by just hearing it on television or commercial radio. Again, these types of messages are best left to authorities and agencies who carry the responsibility of delivering them in a safe, secure and respectful manner.

Other items that should never be sent include financial information, bank or credit card numbers, driver license or Social Security numbers, or any personal details that could lead to identity theft. Under certain conditions prescriptions might be sensitive.

In some instances, the served agency may allow you to send certain "sensitive" information over more "discrete" modes, such as packet or other digital mode like D-Star, Winlink or PSK 31, but be sure they fully understand that no Amateur mode can be considered truly "secure." The served agency is the ultimate authority on which information can or cannot be sent, and by which modes. You will need to make any agency aware in advance that the security of amateur radio communications for confidentiality can never be guaranteed.

Keep in mind that WINLINK Messages, other than Peer to Peer are now posted on a WEB Page.

GENERAL INFORMATION
Consider any messages by any method of delivery coming out of a disaster area as potentially sensitive. Each amateur should do their job and get the message delivered. Beyond that do not share message content or make any message content public. Keep file copies separate from other records and protect file copies as you would want your own personal information protected.

After an appropriate time passes destroy message content and retain only a log relating to receiving and delivering.

Accepting "Local" Inquiries

Sometimes a friend or neighbor will ask you to send an inquiry to someone in an affected area. Unless means for handling Welfare Information messages are established, it is usually wise not to accept them from the public, or do so only with an explicit understanding that chances of delivery are not very good. If the system is up and running, the message may be passed into the National Traffic System at any appropriate point.