

# **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 & 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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Jim EC for Live Oak County - - - - - w5im@arrl.net

Harley EC for Kelberg County - - - - - kg5ayd@arrl.net

Mark Dist. 4 EC for all other Counties - - - - - ad5ca@arrl.net

The net is currently scheduled monthly for the First Thursday at 8 PM. This is subject to change. We are currently using the W5CRP repeater in Sinton operating on 147.080 MHz 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 an announcement or provide information related to EmComm? This is not general check-in. Please state your call now.

Tonight after Check-In **Net Control will be asking Net Participants to share Problems, Solutions and Lessons Learned from the recent freezing weather.**

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 begin our discussion of the recent Freezing Weather. )  
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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**

**NAME**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

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## February 2021 Freezing Weather

Let me start this off.

We did not anticipate 4 days without electric power but did anticipate freezing temperatures that our plumbing is not insulated to handle. We have electric heat and anticipated a day or two without electric power after hearing the weather forecast.

We were very concerned about damaged plumbing from freezing. Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup> we filled our 35 gallon plastic water tank after placing it in the bed of the pickup. Then we turned off the water where it enters the house. With the water off using our air compressor we cleared all the water from water lines including emptying the water heater Sunday afternoon.

The electric power failed about 4:15 AM Monday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and was off until Wednesday afternoon Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. We have a generator and running it about 10 hours a day kept the freezer and refrigerator cold so that no food was lost. The generator does not provide enough power to keep the house warm.

Limitations needed to be solved

- \* a way to keep have more generator gasoline safely stored. We had only 10 gallons.
- \* a safe way to warm the house without electric power.
- \* the generator, a 9 KW, represents a single point failure. Having a 2<sup>nd</sup> generator, even a 3 KW is appealing.

Relating to Amateur Radio. Until electric power was restored there was no Internet or home phone. Also the Cell phone was not initially operating. With the generator I did check into the Monday evening HF ARES net.

I used HF Winlink to send a brief email to several family members letting them know we were OK.

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