

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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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 announcement or provide information related to EmComm? This is not general check-in. Please state your call now.

Tonight after Check-In **Amateur Radio Net Tactical Nets will be the topic.**

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 **Tactical Nets**.

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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 owner for the use of this fine repeater. 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 - 06 - 2021

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Radio Nets Using A Tactical Call

Last month we discussed Amateur Radio Nets with emphasis on Directed Nets. Tonight will be a brief discussion of Directed Nets using Tactical Calls rather than the Stations FCC Amateur Call.

As a reminder a radio net is several stations following organized procedures and directed by a Net Control station. This arrangement makes for efficient use of the frequency, and helps ensure that urgent matters get handled before less urgent ones. In short, the net functions as a team to work towards the common goal of effective net operation.

Many times using a Tactical Call rather than the FCC Call is more efficient.

The use of a Tactical Call will become clear as we continue. Basically a Tactical Call identifies a station by the station's location, function or purpose.

Of course, we must also comply with FCC regulations and identify properly with our FCC call sign. Remember, part 97 requires that "Each amateur station must transmit its FCC assigned call sign at the end of each communication, and at least every ten minutes during a communication." That means our FCC call sign.

Exchanges with Net Control are typically shorter than 10 minutes. Simply adding your FCC call sign to your last transmission complies with FCC requirements.

During a directed net, you will be called by your Tactical Call sign, not your FCC amateur radio call sign. You should use the Tactical Call sign to identify your transmissions, and you should call other stations by their Tactical Call sign.

Listen for your Tactical Call Sign

The use of Tactical Call signs allows the net to be conducted without regard to what operator is at the radio at any particular location. Different individuals may operate the radio at different times. Changes will occur due to shift changes, meal breaks, errands or movement of operators to other assignments, just to name a few. For all these reasons, it is awkward and error-prone use each operator's FCC call. However, Net Control should still try and keep track of the FCC call of each operator. Sometimes an inattentive or distracted operator will answer his FCC call when he does not catch his Tactical Call.

Tactical Call Signs

Tactical calls are used to identify a by Location, Function or Purpose during an event regardless of who is operating. This is an important concept. The Tactical Call allows you to contact a station without knowing the FCC call of the operator there. It also virtually eliminates confusion at shift changes and when a person takes a break from operating.

Initiating a Call

If you were at Aid Station Three during a directed net and wanted to contact Net Control, you would say "NET, STATION 3", or, in crisper nets, simply, "STATION 3."

If you have emergency traffic you would say,
"STATION 3 Emergency Traffic",
or for priority traffic,
"STATION 3, Priority Traffic."

Notice how you have conveyed all information necessary without using unnecessary words or taking unnecessary time.

For the purpose of this discussion assume we are have a Tactical Net supporting a Marathon. If you have traffic for another location, such as Van One, you would say,

"STATION 3, TRAFFIC FOR VAN ONE."

This tells Net Control everything needed to handle the traffic.

Net Control will then call VAN ONE with:

"VAN 1, CALL STATION 3 FOR TRAFFIC"

Net Control should end with Net Control plus the FCC call sign.

Brief the Operator that Relieves you

1. The frequencies being used.
2. Details of the radio, power, antenna details.
3. The Tactical Call signs in use and the station's Location or Function.
4. If a telephone is available; what is its location and phone number.
5. The names of the officials or others you are serving.
6. Any pending activity, i.e. messages that have been sent and replies expect. Also, who gets the reply?
7. What is your station's purpose?
8. What's going on in general? What changes are expected?
9. Where is the restroom, water, food, etc.