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# Walker County / NW Georgia ARES Training Net Preamble-v 1.21 Updated: 06-06-2017

## OPENING THE NET:

NCS says: “CQ, CQ, CQ... This is the Walker County / NW Georgia, Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net, also known as the ARES Net. This is (*NCS call sign*)... My name is (*NCS name*) and I am located in/on (*NCS location*).”

*Establish an ANCS (Alternate Net Control Station):*

NCS says: “Is there a designated Alternate Net Control station on frequency? OVER.”

ANCS says: “ (*NCS call sign* )... This is ( *ANCS call sign* ) Alternate Net Control, OVER. ”

NCS says: “ROGER... ( *ANCS call sign* ), You are Alternate Net Control.”

*Alternatively, when no ANCS station has been previously assigned:*

NCS says: “ This is (*NCS call sign*)... Do I have a Volunteer station to serve as Alternate Net Control?... OVER.”

Volunteer ANCS says: “ (*NCS call sign*)... This is (*Volunteer ANCS call sign*), Will volunteer to serve as Alternate Net Control...OVER. ”

NCS says: “ROGER... (*Volunteer ANCS call sign*), You are Alternate Net Control, Thank You.”

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NCS says: “This is (*NCS call sign*) calling the Walker County / NW Georgia Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net...This is a directed net that currently meets weekly on the W4GTA 145.350 repeater which has a negative offset and 100Hz tone. This net is for the purpose of training in ARES Operations in the Walker County / NW Georgia area.”

“In the event of a repeater failure our secondary repeater is the W4EDP 442.650 repeater, which has a positive offset and a 100Hz tone and if that fails the current alternate simplex frequency is 145.350. We also take check-ins from Echolink via the W4EDP-Repeater node, that node # is 9058. All radio amateurs are encouraged to check-in whenever you can.”

*Continue opening the Net:*

NCS says: “I would like to remind all stations that this is a ‘Directed Net’ for training purposes in Emergency Communications procedures. Whenever possible, stations needing to leave early should call Net Control and advise you require an ‘Early Close’, are ‘In and Out’, ‘Short Timing’, or are requesting to ‘Secure your station’.”

NCS continues: ”I will now stand-by for check-ins. Please give your call sign slowly & phonetically, your name and your location, including county. If out-of-state, give your state and county. I will take all Mobile, Portable, and Echolink stations first. Mobile, Portable, and Echolink stations for the Net... 4 at a time please, Call now.”

*Log all contacts*

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**“I will now take all other stations. Stations for the Net... 4 at a time please, Call now.”**

*NCS acknowledges check-ins and traffic listed, in order received, and repeats the call for additional check-ins as needed... Once all initial check-ins have been handled, and no others heard...*

*NCS then handles all traffic, in order of precedence first, then in order received... Once all traffic handling is completed...Continue with the Net.*

*Note: For identification and information purposes, at least every 10 minutes, NCS begins a transmission with the following: “This is (NCS call sign) calling the Walker County / NW Georgia Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net...”*

**NCS asks: “Do I have any stations with “Official” announcements for the Net?”**

*Handle announcements in the order received, ask if anyone needs clarification or fills...*

**NCS asks: “Do I have any stations with “Un-official” announcements for the Net?”**

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## **TRAINING:**

*NCS or other assigned stations conduct interactive training on appropriate subject matter. Encourage participation from Net members.*

*COMMENTS: Go down the roster, asking individual stations for comments... This procedure is handled at NCS' discretion, but it is strongly advised: Begin with ARES Officers in order of rank (as best you can), then call mobile stations, then others in the order they checked-in. If an ARES Officer checks-in late during this process, acknowledge them and ask for comments... They are probably there for a reason.*

*After all stations have had an opportunity to make comments:*

**NCS asks: “Are there any stations with additional discussion topics, comments regarding ARES business or training issues?”**

*After all business is completed... Make a final call for late check-ins before closing:*

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“Additional stations for the Net... Call now.”**

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*After all stations have had an opportunity to make comments and once all late check-ins have been handled, and no other check-ins are heard...*

## **CLOSING THE NET:**

**NCS says: “I would like to thank everyone for checking in tonight and also those who stood down while the net was in operation. Your help in maintaining this Net is greatly appreciated. The Walker County / NW Georgia ARES group wish to thank the Tri-States Amateur Radio Club and Emmett Perdue - W4EDP, for the use of their repeaters and Echolink node.”**

**“If you would like to become an ARES member please go to: [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org) ,or search using keywords ‘Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, or Georgia followed by the letters Alpha-Romeo-Echo-Sierra’, and fill out an application or contact one of the net control stations for assistance.”**

*NCS can make any additional final announcements or comments, as appropriate.*

**NCS says: “This is (*NCS call sign*) closing the Net and returning the repeater(s) to normal amateur use at (HH:MM)... Have a Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening, 73s everyone!”**

ANCS = Alternate Net Control Station  
ARES = Amateur Radio Emergency Services  
HH:MM = Time expressed in Military Time  
NCS = Net Control Station

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