

Walker County / NW Georgia ARES Training Net

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NCS says: " Is the frequency clear for the ARES Net?"

OPENING THE NET

NCS says: " CQ, CQ This is the Walker County 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 (NCS location)."

Establish an ANCS (Alternate Net Control Station)

NCS says:"Is there a designated Alternate Net Control Station on the frequency? OVER."

ANC says:"(NCS CALL SIGN)... This is (ANCS call sign), Alternate Net Control, OVER."

NCS says:" Roger (ANCS call sign), You are Alternate Net Control, OVER..."

Alternatively, when no ANCS station has been previously assigned....

NCS says: " (NCS CALL SIGN)... Do I have a volunteer station to serve as Alternate Net Control?.....OVER."

(Volunteer responds in the affirmative)

NCS says: " (Volunteer ANCS call sign), You are Alternate Net Control, Thank You."

NCS says: "This is (NCS CALL SIGN) calling the Walker County ARES Net, a directed net that currently meets on Tuesdays at 1930 local time. The ARES Net is for training in ARES operations in the Walker County and NW Georgia area."

"Don't forget that you have many ways to connect with the Walker County ARES Net! As far as repeaters go, join us on the W4GTA 145.350 repeater on Lookout Mtn and the N4LMC 146.640 (- / 146.2PL) repeater located north of Signal Mountain. For Echolink users, join us on the Echolink node W4EDP-R,node # 9058.

For Allstar users, you can connect via the N4LMC 46331 node.”

(PAUSE)

“Let me remind all stations that this is a “Directed Net” for Emergency Communications procedures training. Stations needing to leave early should call Net Control and advise you require an ‘Early Close’, are ‘In and Out’, ‘Short Timing’, or requesting to ‘Secure your station.”

Do we have any stations with emergency or priority traffic?

“This is (NCS CALL SIGN) and (Volunteer ANCS call sign) with the Walker County ARES Net.”

NCS asks: “Do I have any stations with announcements for tonight’s net?”

“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 Echolink and Allstar stations first. Echolink and Allstar stations..... call now.”

“I will take all the Mobile and Portable stations. Mobile and Portable stations for the Net.... call now.”

“I will now take all other stations at this time. Stations for the net, 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:

TRAINING:

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

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

NCS says: “Are there any additional stations on frequency for check-in? This is (NCS CALL SIGN) and (Volunteer ANCS call sign), call now.”

CLOSING THE NET:

NCS says: “We 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. Walker County and NW Georgia ARES groups wish to thank the Tri-States Amateur Radio Club and LMARC for the use of their repeaters, Echolink, and AllStar nodes.”

“If you would like to become an ARES member, please go to: “gaares.us” or search using the keywords for your state: “Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, or Georgia” followed by the letters ‘Alpha-Romeo-Echo-Sierra’, and fill out an application or talk to one of the net control stations for assistance.”

“This is (NCS CALL SIGN) and (Volunteer ANCS call sign) closing the net and returning the repeater(s) and nodes to normal amateur use at (HH:MM).... Have a Good Morning / Afternoon / Evening, 73 everyone.”