Androscoggin

ARES/RACES

Net Procedure

Frequencies

Primary frequency

146.610 (-) 88.5

Secondary frequency

146.460 simplex

Location

Whenever possible, Net Control should be conducted from the UEMA or other location where there is an emergency station. This allows you to become familiar with getting into the station, operating the equipment, and having staff familiar with our presence.

Preparation

Be sure to have a copy of the Net Control Schedule so you know is assigned to be Net Control in the following weeks. This information is available by emailing Paul@ke6pij.org

Immediately Prior

- Arrive early

- Have writing pad and pencils handy

- Obtain radio check

- Assign an ARES member as a Relay station. Ask Relay to let you know if your transmissions begin to "clip", i.e. they start before the link comes up. ("...eard", instead of "Nothing heard")

- When putting out requests for response (such as check-ins) indicate "Nothing Heard" when no response is heard so stations attempting to get in know they were missed.

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Preamble

(Italicized words below are instructions for the net control operator, they are not to be read aloud. Brackets denote actions for the net control operator and are not to be read aloud)

[note time]

Does anyone need to use the repeater before begin the Net?

Listen for about 2 seconds.

All station this net, all stations this net.

Calling the Androscoggin County ARES/RACES Net.

This is [call sign], my name is [firstname]. We are operating from [your location]. Our relay station is [relay's call sign].

The purpose of this Net is to provide a trained group of Amateur Radio operators for Androscoggin County, to exchange amateur radio related information, message traffic and bulletins.

This is a directed net, all traffic must go through the net control station. Stations not participating are requested to stand by until this net is completed. Stations with emergency or priority traffic may break in at any time.

This net meets Thursday Night at 1900 local time on this Auburn Maine 146.61 repeater with PL of 88.5. In the event the repeater is not available, the Primary Androscoggin ARES Simplex Frequency 146.46 will be used. All amateur operators are welcome to check .

Let the repeater drop and reset

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We will now take general check-ins.

Please respond with your call sign, and indicate if you have traffic and/or if you are unable to remain on frequency for the duration of the net.

Listen for about 2 seconds for after each transmission to allow stations time to respond.

Acknowledge responding stations in groups by call signs.

Write down call signs and denote if they have traffic or must leave early

Any other check-ins, please come now.

Repeat until no more stations heard.

Remember to ID every 10 minutes with your call sign.

Your Net Control Operator for next week is [their call sign].

If they are checked in to the net, ask them to acknowledge they can do the net. It is their responsibility to find a substitute if they are unable to perform their assignment. You can let them poll the net for volunteers if they need to.

Go through your list of check-ins that indicated traffic for the net and let them pass their traffic.

Start with any officials, (SEC, DEC, EC, AEC).

We will now pass the net over to our AEC for training.

Pass net control over to the AEC or person in charge of the night's training. That operator will pass it back to you when training has completed.

We will now take late member check-ins. Please come now with your call sign.

Listen

Your net control station for next week is [their call sign]. We had [number of check-ins] tonight. Thank you [relay call sign] for being our relay for tonight. Thanks to the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club for the use and maintenance of this repeater. This is [your call sign], net control for Androscoggin ARES/RACES now closing the net at [time]. These frequencies are now available for normal use.

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After the Net

Count the number of check-ins, don't forget to include yourself. Email the info to the EC at Paul@ke6pij.org or over the air if EC is available.

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E/L/S – Early / Late / Short Term

N.C/R/T – Net Control / Relay / Trainer