

VOLUSIA COUNTY ARES NET SCRIPT

Note – **BOLD** words are the script for the Net Control Station.

Instructions for the Net Control Station are indented and *ITALICIZED*.

(If there are people using the repeater, interrupt their conversation and politely let them know that there the Volusia County ARES Net is starting in 2 minutes and ask them if they wouldn't mind going to another repeater or invite them to join us.)

18:58 – We will be starting the Volusia ARES net in 2 minutes. If anyone needs to use this repeater, please do so now. This is (your callsign, given phonetically).

19:00 – This is (your callsign, given phonetically) for the Volusia County ARES net. My name is (your name) and I'm located in (your city) in Volusia County, Florida. Please remember that this repeater takes about ½ second for the PL tone to open the squelch. When making your calls, please key your microphone and wait for ½ second before you speak. This will prevent your first syllables from being cut-off.

Are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic?

(Wait to see if there are any stations with emergency or priority traffic. Be sure to listen for ALL stations that may have traffic—there may be more than one station.)

(If there are stations with emergency or priority traffic, ask them to list their traffic and the destination for their traffic. Then, ask if there is a station on frequency that can take the traffic. ALLOW THE TRAFFIC TO PASS ON THE REPEATER PRIOR TO CONTINUING THE NET.)

All licensed radio amateurs are invited and encouraged to check in to the net. This is a directed net. When checking-in, please give your call sign slowly and phonetically followed by your name and location. I will acknowledge after all stations from your area have checked in. Please remain on frequency until released by net control.

Unless it is emergency or priority traffic, all traffic will be directed to the Volusia County Traffic Net which meets on the 147.150 repeater daily at 18:30 hours local time.

The Volusia County ARES Net meets each Sunday at 19:00 hours. Each week, the Volusia County ARES Net has a discussion topic. Tonight's topic is (tell what your chosen discussion topic will be).

Do we have any stations short of time?

(Wait to listen for all short of time stations. Record each station's callsign, name, and location.)

Do we have any mobile stations?

(Wait to listen for all mobile stations. Record each station's callsign, name, and location. If there are any mobile stations, ask if they are also short on time.)

Are there any net announcements or bulletins?

(Wait to listen for all stations with announcements or bulletins. REMEMBER, there may be more than one station with announcements or bulletins. Wait long enough to determine how many stations have announcements or bulletins. Record each station's callsign, name, and location.)

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(If there are short of time stations and announcements, have them make the announcements now. If there are no short of time stations, wait until after roll call for the announcements.)

This is (your callsign, given phonetically) Volusia County ARES net control. I will now take check-ins for the Volusia County ARES Net by areas.

First, the Northwest area of Volusia County, including, Deland, Deleon Springs, Glenwood, Lake Helen, and Pierson.

(Wait for stations to check in. Record each station's callsign, name, and location.)

Next, the Southwest area, including, Enterprise, Deltona, Debary, Orange City, and Osteen.

(Wait for stations to check in. Record each station's callsign, name, and location.)

Next, the Northeast area, including, Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, Holly Hill, South Daytona, and Ormond Beach.

(Wait for stations to check in. Record each station's callsign, name, and location.)

Next, the Southeast area, including, Edgewater, Harbor Oaks, New Smyrna Beach, Oak Hill, Ponce Inlet, and Port Orange.

(Wait for stations to check in. Record each station's callsign, name, and location.)

This is (your callsign, given phonetically), Volusia County ARES net control. I will now take check-ins from all areas, including stations located outside of Volusia County.

(Wait for stations to check in. Record each station's callsign, name, and location.)

(Call stations with announcements. If announcements were already given because of short of time stations, ask the station(s) with announcement(s) if they want to repeat the announcement(s).)

Tonight's discussion topic is (tell your chosen discussion topic and present your introduction to it). All stations checked-in to the net are invited and encouraged to participate in the discussion.

(Call stations that are checked-in to the net (in the order that they are checked in) and ask for their input. After you have gone through the list of checked-in stations, ask if any stations have additional comments and allow them to make their comments. Continue this as long as there are comments. Once the comments are completed and no other stations have anything additional comments to add, continue with the rest of the net script.)

(Ask if any new people want to check in to the net. If there are, Record each station's callsign, name, and location. Ask them for their comments about the night's topic.)

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This is (your callsign, given phonetically) Volusia County ARES net control. If you have any comments, suggestions or concerns that are related to ARES, or Amateur Radio in general, please give your callsign now.

Is there anything we can do for anyone on the frequency, whether checked-in to the net or not? If so, please give your callsign now.

We invite you to join Volusia County ARES. You can do this by visiting volusiaares.org and clicking on the “Join ARES” button, which is located on the top right corner of the home page, or by giving your contact information to net control and one of the Emergency Coordinators will be in contact with you.

I will now be closing this session of the Volusia County ARES net and returning this repeater back to normal amateur use.

This is (your callsign, given phonetically), clear at (give the local time) pm. Seventy-three and good evening.

NOTES:

Be sure to email the Emergency Coordinator, James Lea (WX4TV), at EC@VolusiaARES.org with the list of check ins, their names, and locations as soon as you close the net.)

REMEMBER – The 147.240 repeater takes about ½ second for the PL tone to open the squelch. Key your microphone and WAIT for about ½ second until you begin to speak. That way, your first couple of syllables are not cut-off.

PL Tone – This is a sub-audible tone that your radio transmits (on this repeater, it is 123 Hz) that tells the repeater to open up the tone squelch and to transmit.

Tone Squelch – this is the circuit on a radio that suppresses the output of the receiver if the PL tone is not present. This will keep signals from distant stations that are not trying to access this repeater from causing this repeater to key up.

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