

MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARES NET

NET CONTROL *PROCEDURES* AND PREAMBLE

GOOD EVENING! This is (*YOUR NAME & CALL*), your net control station calling this evenings' Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Neighborhood Emergency Teams net. This net meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM on this repeater for the purpose of exchanging information about ARES and NET team activities, as well as other items of interest to the amateur community. All traffic will be accepted and should be in correct NTS form. This is a directed net and all stations are requested to remain on frequency until excused by net control. If you must leave, please advise. Emergency traffic will be handled at any time.

(Pause for repeater reset)

Stations are asked to check in with your call sign and name, indicate if you have traffic, contacts, or other business for the net. (*Traffic is considered listed when acknowledged by Net Control, and will normally be handled after the general roll call.*) Stations representing emergency groups or agencies are encouraged to indicate their affiliation. The net will now stand by for stations operating only on emergency power. Emergency Power is any power source not normally used for station operations.

(Acknowledge and handle as necessary)

The net will now stand by for those stations that need to be In and Out.

(Pause for contacts. Acknowledge those check-ins, ask if anyone wishes a contact with the departing stations. Repeat as necessary, excuse the stations. Only ask once)

The net will now stand by for any new hams, hams new to our area, or any hams new to ARES.

(Acknowledge and handle as necessary)

The net will now stand by for all other Amateur Radio Emergency Service member check-ins. Check-ins are grouped alphabetically by call sign suffix. Please check in with your call sign and name. If you have traffic, contacts, or an announcement, please indicate this and then list the items when acknowledged.

(Acknowledge those who have checked in. Get listing of items for the net. Repeat through the alphabet as below until no more stations respond)

Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes Alpha through Hotel?

Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes India through November?

Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes Oscar through Sierra?

Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes Tango through Zulu?

Are there any missed or late check-ins, call sign suffixes Alpha through Zulu?

The net will now stand by for any NET, NERT or CERT team member check-ins. Please check in with your call sign, name and your team association.

(Acknowledge check-ins. Go back and pick up, announcements, contacts, Q & A, business, etc. After last check-in and announcement, proceed to any traffic and arrange handling. Net control may handle traffic at own discretion. After traffic is handled, proceed)

This is net control, (*your call*). Are there any other stations wishing to check into the Multnomah County ARES net or anyone else with business for the good of the net?

(Pause and acknowledge. Repeat above as necessary)

Hearing no further business, this is (*your call*) closing this evenings' session of Multnomah County's Amateur Radio Emergency Service net. Thanks to all stations who participated today and to those who stood by to give us a clear operating frequency. The W7LT repeater is owned and operated by the Portland Amateur Radio Club and permission for its use is greatly appreciated by Multnomah County ARES.

This net will meet again next week at 7 PM. Have a safe week and the repeater is returned to general amateur use.

This is (*your name/call*) signing the net clear at (*time*).

At all times be aware of the 10 minute ID rule. ID as net control as often as necessary, or even sooner so new arrivals to the frequency will know who to call for net control, and that a net is in progress.

Welcome all check-ins but if a station is not readable and cannot become so after reasonable accommodation, move on and invite them to check in at a later point in the net.

An emergency call takes priority over all other activity on the net. As net control, handle the emergency traffic personally if possible, using relays as necessary to complete the connection. Once the emergency has been secured, continue the net as usual.

Text in parenthesis is generally indicates a repeater reset, except where you ID and close.

Close time Zulu or local is up to net control. Good record keeping is an interesting window into the past. Keep the Net Manager happy with an accurate log. Most of all ENJOY!