WC-ARES TRAINING NET
EACH SUNDAY AT 8PM LOCAL
146.64 MHz -600 162.2 Hz
145.45 MHz -600 162.2 Hz
(REVISED February 17, 2020)

(AT 7:55 PM LOCAL TIME)
This is (CALL SIGN) - I will be Net Control Station this evening for the WC-ARES Sunday Night Training Net which begins in 5 minutes on this repeater.

(AT 8:00 PM LOCAL TIME)
This is (CALL SIGN), Net Control Station for the WILLIAMSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING NET. This is a directed net for members of WC-ARES and visitors. Please transmit only when requested, unless you have emergency or priority traffic.

My name is _____ and I am located in _____ (city, TX).
IS THERE A BACKUP NET CONTROL ON THE AIR? RECOGNIZE BACKUP_____

IS THERE A TRAINING STATION ON THE AIR? RECOGNIZE TRAINING _____

PREAMBLE
The Williamson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (WC-ARES) is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League in affiliation with local amateur radio clubs. The purpose of WC-ARES is to furnish emergency communication when regular communication fails or is inadequate during natural or man-made disasters. We perform this function for served agencies located in Williamson County, Texas. We operate under the WC-ARES Emergency Communication Plan coordinated by the ARRL appointed Emergency Coordinator.

This net meets each Sunday evening at 8PM local time on the N5TT repeater system located in Georgetown, Texas on 146.64 MHz and in Taylor, Texas on 145.45 MHz. The Georgetown repeater utilizes a tone of 162.2 Hz on transmit and receive. The Taylor repeater utilizes the same tone on transmit only.   The repeaters are linked and have EchoLink capability.

Our backup is the NA6M 147.08 repeater in Georgetown, Texas - using a tone of 100 Hz on transmit and receive. Please have both of these repeaters programed into your radio's memory channels along with the WC-ARES PRIMARY SIMPLEX frequency of 147.43 MHz (no tone).

The purpose of this net is to provide information and training to WC-ARES MEMBERS which will help us respond to our served agencies in a timely and professional manner when needed.

TRAINING
Turn the net over to the net's training ham at this time.
This is (CALL SIGN) Net Control.

NET CHECK-IN
This is (CALL SIGN) Net Control. Thank you _____ for the training. Now we will move on to net check-ins. First I will check-in members with WC-ARES related **announcements**, followed by WC-ARES **members**, followed by **visitors** wishing to check-in tonight. After everyone has been logged and the WC-ARES related announcements have been made, I will declare the net INFORMAL for comments from all stations.

As a reminder, this is a directed net.

When checking into the net, please use ITU phonetics only. It's good practice to space out your calls and pause briefly after you press your PTT before you speak. This will allow the repeater the necessary switching time to **repeat** your transmission and facilitate the flow of communication. If you can not remain on the net for the INFORMAL portion, please add SHORT TIME after your call sign.   All stations must remain on the net until after the ANNOUNCEMENTS portion has concluded.

THIS IS THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES NET. THIS IS (CALL SIGN) NET CONTROL.

- **MEMBERS WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS**
	Call on member stations with WC-ARES announcements that will occur during the next six (6) weeks.

- **LIAISON STATIONS** WILLING TO TAKE TRAFFIC TO OTHER NETS

- **STATIONS WITH TRAFFIC (**If there is traffic to be passed, line up a station to take the traffic and ask the 2 stations to wait until the announcement portion of the net concludes before moving them to another frequency to pass the traffic. If they can't make contact on the alternate frequency, ask them to wait until the net concludes before passing the traffic.)

- **MEMBERS ON EchoLink**

- **MEMBER STATIONS** WITH SUFFIXES:
	ABC - <u>AL</u> FAH, <u>BRAH</u> VOH, <u>CHAR</u> LEE
	DEF - <u>DELL</u> TAH, <u>ECK</u> OH, <u>FOKS</u> TROT
	GHI - GOLF, HOH <u>TELL</u>, <u>IN</u> DEE AH
	JKL - <u>JEW</u> LEE <u>ETT</u>, <u>KEY</u> LOH, <u>LEE</u> MAH

This is the Williamson County ARES Sunday Night Training Net and this is (CALL SIGN) Net Control.

	M - MIKE
	NOP - NO <u>VEM</u> BER, <u>OSS</u> CAH, PAH <u>PAH</u>
	QRS - KEH <u>BECK</u>, <u>ROW</u> ME OH, SEE <u>AIR</u> RAH
	TUV - <u>TANG</u> GO, <u>YOU</u> NEE FORM, <u>VIK</u> TAH
	WXYZ - <u>WISS</u> KEY, <u>ECKS</u> RAY, <u>YANG</u> KEY, <u>ZOO</u> LOO

(Quickly read back the stations checking in after each group, but do not use ITU phonetics - always say ZED for the letter Z in everyone's call.)

- **LATE OR MISSED?** Ask for any late or missed member stations entire alphabet.

- **VISITORS?** Ask for visitors to check in at this time.
      WELCOME VISITORS - More information at <u>WC-ARES.ORG</u> - WC-ARES monthly meetings begin at 7:30 PM EACH 2nd Thursday of the month at Williamson County Emergency Operations Center located at **911 Tracy Chambers Lane** in **Georgetown**, Texas.

This is (CALL SIGN) Net Control.

CALL ON STATIONS WHO ASKED TO MAKE WC-ARES ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thank you _____ for those announcements.

All **SHORT TIME STATIONS** are excused from the net. Thanks for checking in this evening.

I am now declaring the net **INFORMAL** and calling for the informal comments. (go back through the list and call on all who did not indicate SHORT TIME when checking into the net for their informal comments,

(Ask stations who asked to pass traffic to move to another frequency and clear them from the net. If they can't make contact on the other frequency, ask them to recheck and hold off passing traffic on this frequency until the net concludes.)

LAST CALL FOR CHECK-INS

CALL BACK-UP NET CONTROL STATION AND CONFIRM THE COUNT

CLOSING

I want to thank everyone for checking in this evening and wish everyone a good week. This has been the WC-ARES SUNDAY NIGHT TRAINING NET. I am closing the net at _____ PM local time and returning this repeater to normal amateur radio use. (CALL SIGN) CLEAR 73

NOTES TO NET CONTROL STATIONS

1. Emergency communication procedures require speaking in "plain language" - using 10 codes, Q-signals, or anything other than "plain language" is not recommended to facilitate communication. This includes the use of CQ, QSL, QRZ, QST, cute phonetics, etc.

2. The letter "Z" is <u>always</u> spoken as ZED except when using ITU phonetics - then the letter "Z" is spoken as ZULU. On the air it's hard to distinguish the letters C, B, D, V, Z etc. so help us all out by saying ZED unless you are using ITU phonetics.

3. As Net Control Station, you are in charge of the net. You are responsible to keep the flow of communication moving and making sure everyone is following the process. The success of the net is your responsibility. Be kind, but firm. Be appreciative of everyone's participation. Be positive and cheerful. Be prepared.

Thank you for your important service to WC-ARES as NET CONTROL STATION!

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