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Shelby County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Training Net Script

Calling all amateur radio operators. The Shelby County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Training Net is now being activated for our weekly session. This net operates according to the guidelines of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), and is affiliated with the National Traffic System.

This is an open net. All licensed stations are welcome to join this training session. This is **[phonetic call sign]**. My name is **[name]**, and I am your net control station.

[Don't forget to identify yourself and your station every 10 minutes!]

In case I am unable to communicate, is there a station with net control experience who can serve as alternate net control? Please call now.

[Await response.]

Thank you, **[call sign]**; you are the alternate net control station. Please be sure to record all traffic and check-ins during the net. You are checked in to the net.

All stations, please take note: in the event of repeater failure, the net will move to the 147-point-320 MHz repeater. I need two stations to go off frequency now and verify the operational status of the 147-point-320 MHz repeater. Please call now.

[Await response.]

Thank you, **[call signs of responding stations]**, please check the status of the alternate repeater, and report back as soon as possible. You are both checked in to the net.

Are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic? Please call now.

[Handle emergency and priority traffic, if any.]

This is a directed net, so please follow my instructions. When you check in, let me know if you are short-time. If you have traffic or an announcement, please indicate this when you check in. We will handle routine traffic and announcements following check-ins.

Do we have a report on the 147-point-320 MHz backup repeater?

[Await response. If no response is received, continue to ask for the report after each section of the script until you get one.]

I'll take check-ins by county. When your county is called, please key your mic and say, "This is," unkey your mic long enough to be sure you're not doubling with anyone, then key and give your call sign slowly and phonetically using the ITU Standard Phonetic Alphabet.

Calling all stations in Shelby County; please check in now.

[Record and acknowledge all stations that check in.]

Calling all stations in Jefferson County; please check in now.

[Record and acknowledge all stations that check in.]

Calling all stations outside Shelby and Jefferson counties. Please check in now and identify the county you are in.

[Record and acknowledge all stations that check-in.]

I'll take additional check-ins just before the close of this net. If you have NTS traffic, bulletins, announcements, or swap shop items that have not yet been listed, please call now.

[Acknowledge stations with anything new to list, then handle in this order: 1 – NTS Traffic; 2 – Bulletins; 3 – Announcements; 4 – Swap Shop items]

This net is a service of the Shelby County Amateur Radio Club. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Shelby County American Red Cross office on Valleydale Road. Please see the W4SHL.com web site for complete details. Talk-in is on the 146-point-980 MHz repeater. Meetings are open to everyone.

/* The following content is optional, and may be omitted if the net is running long */

Other local nets include:

- The Birmingham Amateur Radio Club D-STAR Net at 8:30 tonight on the 145-point-410 MHz D-STAR repeater.
- The Jefferson County Emergency Net at 9:00 tonight on the 146-point-880 MHz repeater with a PL tone of 88.5.
- The Central Alabama Simplex Net every Sunday at 8:00pm on 146.580 MHz.
- The Alabama Emergency Net Mike, the statewide ARES net, on Sundays at 2100 UTC on 3-point-965 MHz (LSB).

/* End of optional content */

Final call, are there any additional stations wishing to check in, or stations with announcements? Please call now.

[Record and acknowledge all stations that check-in.]

Thank you for participating in tonight's net. This session of the Shelby County ARES Training Net is now secured. Please join us again next Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. This frequency is returned to normal operation. This is **[phonetic call sign]**, clear.

[End of net.]

How to Handle NTS Traffic

If you receive NTS traffic to relay and are unable to find a station on frequency to accept it, hold the traffic and list it again on the Jefferson County Emergency Net, 146.880 MHz, Tuesdays at 9:00pm. NTS traffic may also be listed with other daily nets. For more information on traffic handling, see FSD-218 on the ARRL Web Site.