



### **South West Minnesota Amateur Radio Wednesday Night ARES Information Net Script**

Good evening and welcome to the SW MN Amateur Radio Wednesday Night ARES and Information Net. This is *{Callsign}* and my name is *{Name}* and I am calling from *{town}* and tonight I will be your Net Control. This Net meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm local time on the 147.79 repeater in Slayton, MN using a sub audible tone of 141.3.

The purpose of this Net is to provide information of interest to Amateur Radio operators in the SW MN area. All Amateurs are welcome to join this net. This is a controlled net and all contacts should be made through Net Control.

If at any time during the Net, should an emergency arise, please notify Net Control. We will stand by and allow those in need access to this repeater.

Check-ins will be conducted by net control on a county basis starting with the eight Minnesota counties in the Sioux Falls, SD National Weather Service Forecasting Office region, and then we will take check-ins from all other Minnesota counties. Following that we will take check-ins from all Iowa operators and finally from all South Dakota operators.

When checking into this Net, please give your call sign slowly and phonetically, give your name, location, ARES affiliation if applicable and indicate if you have any traffic.

Traffic may consist of any bulletins, announcements, or ham radio related equipment that you wish to sell. I will call upon those with traffic after we are finished with checkins.

First I will take check-ins from the eight Minnesota counties in the Sioux Falls National Weather Service forecasting region:

- Checking in Rock County
- Checking in Nobles County
- Checking in Jackson County
- Checking in Pipestone County
- Checking in Murray County
- Checking in Cottonwood County
- Checking in Lincoln County
- Checking in Lyon County

***{Acknowledge Check-ins}***

Now we will take check-ins from all other Minnesota Counties.

***{Acknowledge Check-ins}***

Now we will take check-ins from all Iowa Operators.

***{Acknowledge Check-ins}***

Now we will take check-ins from all South Dakota Operators.

***{Acknowledge Check-ins}***

Okay, at this time we'll go to *{Callsign with traffic}* for announcements. *{Callsign with traffic}* this is *{callsign}* go ahead with your traffic.

*(After you have handled all announcements and traffic and feel you've received all the check-ins you are going to get, you can wind down the Net).*

This concludes the Southwest Minnesota Amateur Radio Wednesday Night ARES & Information Net. I want to thank all of you for your participation this evening, and hope you have a great week. Tune in again next week when we will meet again on this same frequency at 8:00pm local time.

I would invite all hams to check into the Marshall Amateur radio Club net starting at 9pm local time tonight on 147.195 following this net. This is *{Callsign}* closing down this week's edition of the SW MN Amateur Radio Wednesday Night ARES and Information Net. I will now return the repeater to normal operation.

## NOTES:

- Remember to identify your station (give your call sign) every 10 minutes throughout the Net.
- When it is appropriate for a listener to contact the traffic announcer directly, such as in the case where someone is asking for volunteers for an event, when they finish giving the announcement, you can ask "If you would like to contact *(Name)* direct, his/her call is *(Give Call Sign of Announcer)*." This gives people an opportunity to come back with a direct conversation with the announcer. This procedure should be done since everything is to go through the Net Control, and people should not break in to ask for the announcer, without your having given permission.
- Occasionally, during a round of check-ins, someone will break in with "Re-Check." This means that someone who has already checked in wishes to say something. Finish your round of check-ins first. After that, you can either go immediately to the Re-Check, or tell the Re-Check that you will get back to him shortly, and acknowledge your check-ins first.
- You may sometimes hear someone trying to get into the Net, but not able to make the repeater. Leave time for them to make the attempt, and others may continue to check-in also. When you come back to acknowledge, you can indicate that you heard someone trying to check-in and they weren't making it, and if they don't hear their name acknowledged, would they try again on the next round.
- If you ever experience purposeful interference (someone keying up, playing music, etc.) the best response is to completely ignore it and draw no attention to the interference. Simply go on with the Net when you are able.
- If you miss someone's Name or Call Sign, when you are acknowledging the round, stop at that point and ask the person to repeat the portion you did not copy.
- You can use a copy of the following check-in form, but you may wish to devise your own system that works for you. Put some sort of marking alongside those people who have announcements, or who Re-Check so you will remember to go back to them.
- Most importantly -- Relax and enjoy. You will do a great job; you'll have fun, and everyone out there is on your side! 73