Net Control Script for Chesterfield County ARES Net

On the Chester 147.360 Repeater

Good Evening. This is _____(call sign) calling the Chesterfield County ARES Net. Calling the Chesterfield County ARES net.

Your Net control station this evening is: _____ _____(call sign phonetically), my name is _____ and I am the _____(ARES position).

If there are any stations that have emergency or priority traffic? Please call now.

(Pause & listen for traffic.)

If at any time during this net you should need to relay emergency traffic, please use the word **BREAK**, and the net will yield for your traffic and assist in any way we can.

(Pause)

This is _____ with the Chesterfield County ARES net.

Chesterfield County A-R-E-S is part of the A-R-R-L, and the Virginia Section ARES program. This net is a directed net and meets each Tuesday evening at 2100 hours on this repeater. The purpose of this net is for training, announcements, and general fellowship for the amateur radio community, with the emphasis on emergency communication. We ask that all participating stations follow standard net procedures that would be used during an active Emergency Net, since that practice is one of the main reasons for the net. There is NO requirement to be an ARES member. With this in mind, all amateurs who are within range of this repeater, regardless of location or affiliation, and with proper license class, are invited & encouraged to participate in this net.

(Pause)

I will now take check-ins from those stations that can't stay with us for the whole net. If you would like to do a quick In and Out check in, please let me know your call sign (phonetically), your first name, your location, and a received signal report. All stations wishing to check In and Out, please call now.

(Check in all stations and write in on the log. Make a mark after the last station)

This is _____ with the Chesterfield County ARES net.

I will be taking check-ins in three groups. The first group will be for portable and mobile stations. The second group will be for ARES, EMCOMM and SKYWARN officials. The final group will be for all remaining stations.

(Below is optional; open topic if nothing specifically chosen ahead of time)

One feature of this net is the "Training Topic for Discussion". The discussion is intended to be a way to learn more about amateur radio, emergency preparedness, and general safety, so we hope everyone will participate. The topic this week is:

Introduce Topic:

(Pause)

This is _____ with the Chesterfield County ARES net. First we will call portable and mobile stations. If you would like to check in to the net, I need your call sign (phonetically), your first name, your location, and say DRIVING if you are in a moving vehicle, provide a received signal report, and note if you have traffic or information for the net. Portables and mobiles, please call now.

(Check in all stations and write in on the log. Make a mark after the last station)

This is _____ with the Chesterfield County ARES net. Next we will call ARES, EMCOMM and SKYWARN officials. If you would like to check in to the net, I need your call sign (phonetically), your first name, your location, provide a received signal report, and note if you have traffic or information for the net. ARES, EMCOMM and SKYWARN officials, please call now.

(Check in all stations and write in on the log. Make a mark after the last station)

This is _____ with the Chesterfield County ARES Net. I will now begin taking check-ins from all remaining stations. If you would like to check in to the net, I need your call sign (phonetically), your first name, your location, provide a received signal report, and note if you have traffic or information for the net. Anyone for the net, please call now.

(Check in all stations and write in on the log. Make a mark after the last station)

(Pause)

OK, Now let's get started with your comments and I will pick up more check-ins at the bottom of the hour.

Recognize those stations with traffic and check them off the list.

Thank you for that information. Now let me go to the top of the list. This is - **_____ with the Chesterfield ARES net.**

Recognize stations that are DRIVING and check them off the list.

[First station name and call] welcome to the net [name], (remark on signal if not loud and clear, include any notes or other pleasantries,) your comments for the net.

(eg, Bill, N4WLC, welcome to the net Bill, it was nice seeing you last night, your comments for the net.)

• Take comments and check the stations off the list as they check in.

• Watch the clock and ID every ten minutes, pause and take additional check-ins at the bottom of the hour.

• Read any announcements at the bottom of the hour.

• Finish taking comments from remaining stations

Other local EMCOMM nets that are called during the week:

On Tuesday nights at 1900hrs, the Dinwiddie County ARES Net meets on the 147.390 repeater, with a PL of 74.4hz.

On Tuesday nights at 2000hrs, the Powhatan ARES Net meets on the 147.315 repeater, with a PL of 74.4hz, with the exception of the third Tuesday of month which is when they hold their monthly meeting.

On Wednesday nights at 2000hrs, the Tri-Cities EMCOMM Net meets on the 147.390.

Also on Wednesday nights at 2000hrs, the South Central ARES net meets on the 147.000, with a PL of 77.0hz.

On Thursday nights at 1900hrs, the Virginia District 1 ARES Net meets alternating on the 145.430 and 146.880 repeaters, both of which have a PL of 74.4hz.

(Pause)

On Wednesdays you can check into the Winlink Wednesday Net by sending a Winlink message to David, KN4LQN. In the message body include your call sign, your first name, your location and how you sent the message. The message should leave your station as RF, not Telnet. Please visit the website "winlinkwednesday.net" for more information about the net and check-in formats.

A don't forget to check into the Chesterfield County ARES Winlink Net any time on Tuesdays!

(Pause)

OK, I will make one last call for check-ins.

If you would like to check in to the Chesterfield County ARES net, I need your call sign (phonetically), your first name, your location, and if you have traffic or information for the net.

This is _____, final check-ins to the Chesterfield County ARES net please call now.

(Take any remaining check-ins and comments.)

Well, we had *[#] check*-ins this week.

If you would like to know more about Chesterfield County ARES, please send an email to kn4lqn@arrl.net. You may also send suggestions or questions for this net. Also be sure to check out our website at chesterfieldares.us.

I will now proceed to close the net, but before I do, I would like to thank all those stations that participated, and we hope you will return to this repeater at 2100 hours next Tuesday evening, and join us again for the Chesterfield County ARES Net.

I would also like to thank Robert, KA4CBB for the use of this repeater.

The Chesterfield County ARES Net is now closed and this repeater is returned to regular amateur radio use. This is _____ clear. 'Nite All!