

REVISED: 18 JULY 2019

FORSYTH COUNTY AUXCOMM - ARES NET CALL PROCEDURE

(Net to begin promptly at 2030 hours [8:30 p.m.] local time each evening. NOTE: All times are 24-hour clock local time.)

5 Minutes PRIOR to the Net:

“The Forsyth County AUXCOMM - ARES Net will start in 5 minutes. WS4FC out.”

At exactly 2030 hours:

“Calling all radio amateurs, this is WS4FC calling the Forsyth County AUXCOMM - ARES Net. My name is _____ and I am located in _____. This is a directed net and serves as the Amateur Radio Emergency Services net for Forsyth County, NC. All radio amateurs are invited to check in and participate in this net, and stations having emergency or priority traffic should break in at any time. “

(ALLOW REPEATER TO DROP)

“This net meets every _____ evening at 2030 hours on the W4NC repeater, frequency 145.470 MHz. In the event of a real or simulated failure of this repeater, net operations will shift to one of our backup repeaters, primary K4GW frequency 147.315 MHz or secondary W4NC frequency 146.640 MHz. All repeaters serve the Winston Salem / Forsyth County area. The offset is positive for the K4GW repeater and negative for the W4NC repeaters. All repeaters use a 100 Hz PL tone. In the event all repeaters should fail, net operations will shift to 146.520 MHz simplex. “

(ALLOW REPEATER TO DROP)

“All stations checking into the net should check in alphabetically according to the first letter in the suffix of your call sign. State ‘this is’ and temporarily unkey, listen then state your call sign using standard ITU-NATO phonetics, followed by your name and any listings of announcements or traffic for the net. “

(ALLOW REPEATER TO DROP)

“Are there any ARES, ARRL representatives or county RACES stations for the Forsyth County AUXCOMM - ARES Net, over. “

“Mobile or portable stations, over. “

“Fixed stations Alpha through Golf (A-G), over. “

“Stations Hotel through November (H-N), over. “

“This is WS4FC with the Forsyth County AUXCOMM - ARES Net, stations Oscar through Tango (O-T), over. “

“Stations Uniform through Zulu (U-Z), over. “

(BE SURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE CHECK-INS BY GROUP)

(Acknowledge each call sign in a group using alphanumeric call signs:

I.E. “W 1 H R C, W A 4 N O T, roger. Out.” Then move to next group.)

“Additional stations for the Forsyth County AUXCOMM - ARES net Alpha through Zulu (A-Z), over. “

(At this time handle any announcements or traffic for the net. Ask if there are any inquiries pertaining to the announcements.)

“At this time, we will hold our weekly AUXCOMM - ARES meeting. Will the Forsyth County EC or a representative call net control, WS4FC. “

[After ARES meeting, ask for any additional check-ins Alpha – Zulu. Once the meeting is completed, net control may close the net or proceed with an informal rag chew session with participating stations. This decision will be made at net controls discretion. If participating in rag chew, periodically ask for check-ins during the session.]

“This is WS4FC closing this regularly scheduled session of the Forsyth County AUXCOMM - ARES net at _____ hours local time. Net control would like to thank all stations for participating and we would like to thank the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club and Jerry Minor for the use of our primary and back-up repeaters. This is net control WS4FC saying good evening and returning the repeater to normal amateur use. 73's. WS4FC, out. “

(NOTE: Full Phonetic call sign is only required for the FIRST use of the call sign. All following uses should use alphanumeric. Full Phonetic call sign is identified in the script by underline WS4FC.)

(NOTE: The net does not have to be closed at 2100 if there is traffic or other needs for it to continue longer.)

(NOTE: At NCS discretion, they may call each group twice, I.E.: “Stations Alpha through Golf, A-G, Over.” Stations W4ABC, K4CDE and KM4DEF check in. After NCS acknowledges them the NCS calls: “Additional Stations Alpha though Golf, A-G over.”