

Bernalillo County Amateur Radio Emergency Service - Net Guide FEB 2017

Until notified, we are not using “B” URFMSI frequencies which require linking 146.900 (Kirtland AFB), 146.940 (Mt. Taylor), 146.960 (Capilla Pk.). Note that no linking is required when using the BC repeaters on “A frequencies.”

No later than **18:55** (6:55 p.m.) Local time, listen for activity. If you hear nothing, transmit asking, “Is this frequency in use?” If the frequency is in use for an incident or drill, ask if net control can announce close to 7 p.m. Local time that the weekly ARES net is canceled because the frequencies are being used for the incident. If the frequencies are not in use, transmit, ***"This is (your call) the net control for the Bernalillo Co. Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net. This net will begin at 7 pm, in approximately 5 minutes from now on these frequencies. Are there any mobile or portable stations or anyone needing to check in to this net early, call now."***

At 7:00 pm say ***"This is (your name and call), the Bernalillo Co. ARES net control calling all ARES members and any other interested amateurs. This net meets each Thursday at 7 pm local for the passing ARES information or instructions. If anyone needs to use these frequencies for priority traffic, please feel free to call now or anytime during the net."*** Pause a little while to see if anyone has any traffic.

"Nothing heard, we will proceed with the call for the ARES Officials."

1. Call the ARES Officials as listed on the Net Roster giving Title / Name / Call. Indicate if any traffic
2. After ARES Officials, pause for any priority traffic and identify yourself (call) as Net Control.
3. Proceed with the Frequent check-ins as listed in the Net Roster. Begin the check-in process as described below. Pause after calling for response. Log each check-in and note those with traffic. Call each station by Name / Call

"We will now proceed with our frequent check-ins. Please state whether you have traffic or comments for the net."

Depending on the timing and the number of checks, it may be necessary to pause and identify yourself (call) again every ten (10) minutes. When that frequent check-in list is completed, continue with the general call for check-ins.

After a group has checked-in, repeat each call and pause for possible corrections or break-ins. Pause occasionally to say your call and that you are the ARES net control.

"We will now proceed with general check-ins. Please give your call phonetically and state whether you have traffic or comments for the net."

"All those stations with their suffixes beginning with the letters Alpha through Golf, please call now."

"All those stations with their suffixes beginning with the letters Hotel through Romeo, please call now."

"All those stations with their suffixes beginning with the letters Sierra through Zulu, please call now."

"Final call – any station Alpha through Zulu, please call now."

Call back each station that checked in acknowledging their call and indications of having traffic or comments.

"Is there anyone desiring to talk to another station?"

"Is there any further business for the net tonight?"

When using the “A Freq,” say, ***"Nothing more heard. Thank you all for checking in tonight. The ARES net is secure as of (time). This is (your call) ARES net control"***