

Bernalillo County Amateur Radio Emergency Service - Net Guide FEB 2018

At **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 used, 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. Write into the log 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. Call each station by Name & Call. Pause after calling for response. Log each check-in and log any traffic.

"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.

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

Now, you may simply either **"Call for any other stations wanting to check into the net,"** or use the script below. Either way, after one or a group has called you checking-in, repeat each call and pause for possible corrections or break-ins. Ask if there are any other stations, or stations from the alphabetical group, who want to call now to check in. To call stations alphabetically by call sign suffix, use the script below:

"All stations with call sign suffixes beginning with the letters Alpha through Golf, call now."

"All stations with call sign suffixes beginning with the letters Hotel through Romeo, call now."

"All stations with call sign suffixes beginning with the letters Sierra through Zulu, call now."

"Final call – are there any other stations to check in, all call signs, call now."

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

Next ask, **"Is there anyone desiring to talk to another station?"** If yes, have them proceed, ask again, then:

Next ask, **"Is there any further business for the net tonight?"** If yes, have them proceed, ask again, then:

Close the net saying, **"Nothing more heard. Thank you all for checking in tonight. This ARES net is closed as of (say and log the current time). This is ARES net control (say your call sign)."**