

ARES District 4 Net Script

Aug. 01, 2019 Rev (net date)

Script Rev 02-05-2019

Good Evening everyone and welcome to the South Texas District 4 ARES net. This is

TOM (name) K5BV (call) ARES EC FOR ARANSAS & SAN PATRICIO COUNTIES

I will be the Net Control Station for tonight's net. First, if there are any stations with priority or emergency traffic please call K5BV (call) at this time. UN-KEY
Either say "**nothing heard**" or *handle the traffic immediately*.

All hams in all Counties are welcome to check in to this net. You do not need to be an ARES member to participate in this net.

The purpose of ARES, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, is to furnish emergency communications via amateur radio when regular means of communications fail or become inadequate during an emergency situation. ARES is sponsored by the ARRL, and supported by area radio clubs and individual hams. The only qualifications for ARES are that you possess an amateur radio license and you have a desire to help others. For more information or off-net questions please contact one of the following by email

Mark Dist. 4 EC ----- ad5ca@arrl.net
Tom EC for Aransas & San Patricio County - - - - k5bv@arrl.net
Bob Asst EC for Aransas County- - - - - kf5cfu@arrl.net
Jim EC for Live Oak County- - - - - w5im@arrl.net
Harley EC for Kelberg County - - - - - kg5ayd@arrl.net

The net is currently scheduled monthly for the First Thursday at 8 PM. This is subject to change. We are currently using the 147.820 repeater in Corpus Christi with a (-) Minus offset and a 107.2 tone.

This net is being conducted for the purpose of providing training and information related to emergency communications; to serve as a forum for discussion; and to foster fellowship among Amateur Radio operators.

Next, are there any operators who would like to make announcement or provide information related to EmComm? This is not general check-in. Please state your call now.

Tonight after Check-In NET CONTROL TOM (*name*) K5BV (*call*) will DISCUSS WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER SUBMITTED BY BOB KF5CFU.

For Check-In, if the frequency has been clear a second or two key the MIC and s-l-o-w-y give your FCC call sign using ITU phonetics spoken clearly and slowly and UNKEY. Stating your name as well will be appreciated. Writing calls down takes a moment so allow a couple of seconds. Keep checking in and calls will be reviewed for clarifications, errors and missed calls. Please check-in with K5BV (Call) now.

(note these actions)

- *read each call back,*
- *ask for corrections*
- *ask for additional check-ins*

We will have comments after the tonight's material on VOLUNTEERING . Please go

(GO TO PAGE 4)

This is K5BV.

Before we go down the list for comments if there any late check-ins please provide your call now.

(again note these actions)

- *read each call back,*
- *ask for corrections*

Net Control K5BV (*your call*) will now go down the list for comments.

- *go down list of check-ins*
- *now have presenter give their comments)*

Final call for check-ins. Additional stations for the net please check-in now with K5BV (*your call*).

(again note these actions)

- *read each call back,*
- *ask for corrections*
- *ask for comments*

THIS IS NET. We had XX check-ins tonight. Thank you all for joining the ARES net tonight, and thanks to the repeater owners and maintainers for the use of these fine repeaters. I am now closing the net and returning these repeaters back to normal amateur radio use. Stations may remain on frequency to make additional QSOs.

Net Control K5BV (*your call*) Out.

FCC CALL

NAME

DATE 08 - 01 - 2019

01 K5BV

TOM *(ENTER NET CONTROL)*

02 _____

03 _____

04 _____

05 _____

06 _____

07 _____

08 _____

09 _____

10 _____

11 _____

12 _____

13 _____

14 _____

15 _____

16 _____

17 _____

18 _____

19 _____

20 _____

21 _____

22 _____

23 _____

24 _____

25 _____

ARES

What is a Volunteer?

Why Volunteer?

- Volunteering is an important and essential contribution to society. Without volunteers many of the tasks we face in life would be compromised. Without a volunteer fire department, how would a small community react to a downtown building fire? Without volunteer weather spotters, how would a federal agency such as NOAA get real time data from the field?

Bad Volunteers

- How about groups of people that say they are volunteers, but don't do anything? How are they helping, and what is the public's view of other volunteers and the organization they represent? What if a volunteer EMTS organization never answered your call in a medical emergency?

ARES Volunteers

- Volunteers are important. But more important are the reasons for volunteering, and the way an organization is managed to make it effective.
- You can't take volunteering lightly. Before pledging yourself to an organization, analyze all the reasons and your abilities. You should not volunteer if you don't have commitment and, ability. Bad volunteers cause problems within an organization, as well as personal and professional credibility issues. Most of all, they let down their community.

Why Volunteer

- Why do you want to get involved? Is it because you have the time and talents, or is it for the fraternity and recognition?
- The difference between a volunteer organization and a club is that the club is a fraternal organization. It is there for the meeting of other hams, and the sharing of interests. A volunteer organization exists to serve a need. Many people try to mix these two together, and it usually doesn't work.

Do You Have Time?

- We all have busy lives. Even retirees have full schedules. Are you able to volunteer, or are you already over-committed? How much can you shoulder realistically?
- You should not feel obliged to take on a volunteer position if you are already busy with other things. Over-extending yourself is the first step on the path to burn-out and failure. If someone pressures you to do more, you do not owe any explanation whatsoever. Simply say, "I already have things to do." Volunteer only if you have time to do so.

Are You Physically Capable

- Are you physically able to volunteer? There are certain stages in your life when volunteering may not be a good option. Someone who is retired and out of physical shape should probably not be involved in strenuous activities. However, their services could be used as net control, clerical roles, or simply to assist in coordinating activities.
- If you want to help with fieldwork, perhaps you could be a spotter for overhead electrical lines, or buried infrastructure. Or maybe just coordinate activities for the organization.

Know Your Equipment

- Do you have the right equipment and resources to perform what is asked of you? Does your radio work properly? Do you know how to set repeater offsets, tone settings, and memories?
- If you can't operate your equipment, or don't have the proper equipment, perhaps you should resolve this problem before hindering an organization. You should know your equipment intimately. If you can't remember, carry a manual or instruction card with you at all times. Having spare batteries or a spare radio is a good idea, but it's an investment.

Can You Afford It?

- Can you find a way to be a volunteer without killing your time, energy, or finances? Being a volunteer is a commitment. It can easily become a second or third job.
- Volunteer organizations don't pay expenses. Can you afford to do the things an organization asks of you? Sometimes your volunteering is an investment.

Commitment

- What is your level of commitment? Are you dedicated or are you just mildly interested? If you are prone to making excuses for not participating in events, nets, training, or meetings, this is probably a sign you have not invested fully in the organization. It is not fair to the rest of the organization if they can be 100% and all you can muster up is 40%.

Credits

- This presentation was developed by Bob Ustruck, KFFCFU, using online resources, notably:

Practical Reasons for Ham Radio Volunteering and Management, by Frederick R. Vobbe, W8HDU