ARES District 4 Net Script

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

<u>Tom</u> (name) <u>K5BV</u> (call) ARES EC FOR ARANSAS AND SAN PATRICIO COUNTIES (position e.g. member, AEC, etc. & County)

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

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The net is currently scheduled monthly for the First Thursday at 8 PM. This is subject to change. We are currently using the 146.820 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 to **K5BV** now.

Tonight after Check-In <u>WILL BE A DISCUSSION OF THE ARES EC-001 COURSE</u>.

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 **EC-001 COURSE**.

This is K5BV (call & UN-KEY)

(after handed back)

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 <u>K5BV</u> (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 maintaineers 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.

EC-001 (Mentored) and EC-001-S Intro to Emergency Communication

- The field of emergency and disaster response, the communications needs of the public, and the expectation from volunteer responders has changed and continues to evolve.
- This course is a good point for radio amateurs to look at new and useful ways that you can lend a hand to the public.
- This is not a course that you can complete in a weekend.
 Students who successfully complete the course activities and receive their certificates will be better-prepared for roles in situations when lives and property are at stake.

Overview

Description.

- Provide basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer.
- There are 6 sections with 28 lesson topics. It includes required student activities, a 35-question final assessment and is expected to take approximately 45 hours to complete over a 9week period.

Prerequisites.

- You must complete the following prerequisites. These are free mini-courses you can take online:
 - ICS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
 - IS-700 National Incident Management System

EC-001 (Mentored) vs. EC-001-S

- The traditional EC-001 course can only be started when students have access to an experienced mentor. The next course starts February 11, 2020.
- The self-guided EC-001-S version is offered in an on-demand format and can be started and completed at any time.
- Completion of EC-001/EC-001-S is required to attain the advanced status in the South Texas ARES task book.

Modules

- Framework How you fit in
 - Overview and interaction with the public and public agencies
- Networks for messages
 - Net operations, rules and communication types (digital, voice, etc.)
- Message handling
 - Documentation and protocols

Modules

- What happens when called
 - Preparation
 - Equipment choices
 - Setup
 - Incident command
- Maintaining readiness
 - Operations and logistics
 - Health, safety and hazardous materials
- Alternatives and opportunities
 - Propogation and other training opportunities

Questions and Reference

 Much of the information was taken from the ARRL website where you can go to sign up and begin the course.