

Montgomery County ARES Net Outline

1. [Note: On the third Tuesday of the month, a MOCO ARES Officer will send an e-mail to the Montgomery County Priority Traffic (MOCOPT) listserv. On these days the Montgomery County ARES Net Control Operator should ask for and record on the net report the number of those amateur's that received the MOCOPT page and e-mail activation.] [Also there will be no net on the last Tuesday of every even month due to Formal Meeting]
2. Monitor the frequency to ensure it's clear, then set the repeater in net mode.
3. Check to make sure your alternate control station is on the air, then open the net.
4. Ask for emergency or priority traffic.
 - a. If any is listed, ask for stations that can take the traffic.
 - b. Pass the emergency and priority traffic.
5. Ask for important announcements for the net.
 - a. List any important announcements for the net.
 - b. Make important announcements.
6. Check in mobile or short of time stations.
 - a. Ask stations that list comments to make them.
 - b. Release short of time stations.
7. Check in the officers.
8. Check in all remaining stations.
9. Pass routine formal traffic.
10. Allow officers with announcements to address the net.
11. Allow stations with announcements to address the net.
12. Conduct Training.
13. Take any late check-ins, additional traffic, announcements, or comments.
14. Repeat the announcements.
15. Close the net
16. Return the repeater to normal mode.
17. Post Net Report to the Personnel Officer and Net Manager at conclusion of this net.

Montgomery County ARES NET INSTRUCTIONS

Note to net control stations ::::: Be sure to identify your Station as required by FCC regulation.

(Every 10 minutes and at the end of the net)

Check to be sure that the frequency is clear for net operation. If the frequency is in use (other than Dayton Skywarn), ask those using the frequency if you may have the frequency for the training net. You may only open the net if those using the frequency will release it. You can only demand the frequency for emergency communications.

Check to be sure that the alternate control station (*next net control station on list*) is also on the air.

At 7:59, announce: "This is your call sign. The Montgomery County ARES Net will commence its weekly net in approximately 60 seconds. All stations please stand by."

(At 8:00 Begin To Conduct The Net With The Text That Follows.)

"This is your call sign, now assuming the Montgomery County ARES call sign of "K8MCA" give phonetically, name here is your name and I am located in your location, Ohio. I am now assuming the duties of the net control for the Montgomery County ARES Net. Alternate net control is _____."

(Unkey and allow the repeater to beep.)

"This net is conducted weekly at this hour and on this frequency for the purpose of testing and training stations associated with the Montgomery County ARES network. In the event the Dayton Skywarn Net is in operation, the Montgomery County ARES net will move to 146.640 simplex the output of the repeater."

(Unkey and allow the repeater to beep.)

"The purpose of the Montgomery County ARES network is to provide reliable alternate communications in times of emergency, disaster, or national crisis."

(Unkey and allow the repeater to beep.)

"The Montgomery County ARES meets on the "Last Tuesday" of each "even month" at 7:00 p.m. @ The Miami Township Civic Center in Miamisburg. The next meeting will be on _____ and all are welcome. (There will be no Net conducted on this night)"

(Unkey and allow the repeater to beep.)

"This is a directed net, requiring all stations to conduct their traffic through net control. Station to station communication is authorized only with the permission of net control. Any station is welcome to check in, and you are not required to be an ARES member to join the net."

(Unkey and allow the repeater to beep.)

"All stations checking in please state your call, slowly and phonetically, giving your name and location. Let me know if you have any formal traffic or announcements for the net." "Please unkey every 15 seconds to listen for emergency traffic during the net. If you have emergency or priority traffic, call "Break", followed by your call sign, anytime the frequency is clear. The net control station will immediately acknowledge your traffic."

(Unkey and allow the repeater to beep.)

"At this time do I have any stations with emergency or priority traffic? Please call "K8MCA" - Net Control for the Montgomery County ARES Net."

(Unkey-if there is any traffic, handle it now. if none continue.)

"Do I have any stations with important announcements for the net, please call now."

(Note the stations with announcements and check them in as you would a normal station. After you have checked in all of the stations with important announcements, ask each station to make their announcement.)

"Are there any mobile, portable, or short of time stations, please call now."

(Unkey--record approximately five check-ins, break, acknowledge the check-ins. Continue taking check-ins in this manner until these stations are no longer checking in. If any mobile or short of time stations has indicated that they have a comment, ask them to make the comment now.)

"All short of time stations if possible please stay on frequency until after all announcements have been announced then you may be excused from the net"

"All ARES Officers please check in. Officers list your title and if you have any announcements when you check in."

(Unkey-take check-ins same manner as above).

"I will now take check-ins from any station anywhere. Remember to state your call sign slowly and phonetically, giving your name and location. Please call "K8MCA" Net Control for the Montgomery County ARES Net"

(Unkey--take in same manner as above. Continue in this manner until all check-ins have stopped).

(Next handle any formal traffic that was listed during the net. As an example, N8ABC has listed one piece of traffic for Dayton. Ask the net if anyone will take the traffic for Dayton. N8DEF volunteers. Ask N8ABC to call N8DEF to pass the traffic. Continue in this manner until all of the traffic is passed.)

(Ask the officers who have comments to make their comment now)

(Next invite any stations that listed announcements to address the net.)

(After all traffic and announcements are complete:)

"We will now proceed to tonight's training. Trainer please go with your training."

(Trainer should pause every 6-8 minutes for you to identify and ask for additional check ins:)

(After the trainer has completed training:)

"Thank you for bringing tonight's training. This is the last call for check-ins for the Montgomery County ARES net. Any stations who would like to check in please call "K8MCA" Net Control."

(After the last call for check ins is complete:)

"I am going to go back through the roster. Any one with comments for the Trainer or comments about tonight's training, go with your comments when I give your call sign."

(After the roster has been completed:)

"This concludes the business of this Montgomery County ARES net. The next net will be on _____ at 8:00 p.m. Persons wishing to have more information, or wishing to join Montgomery County ARES, please call this station following the closing of this net, or visit our website at www.mocoares.com."

(Unkey and allow the repeater to beep.)

"This is "K8MCA" now declaring this net closed and returning this frequency to normal and customary amateur use at (give local time)."

Operation Reports:

Time [Duration of Net Plus Posting time]_____.

Number of Stations Reporting _____.

Post Report to Net Manager and Personnel Officer at the conclusion of this Net Call.

Data Page

E-Mail listing

Net Manager is Bob David, n8gxt@mocoares.com

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