Wisconsin ARES/RACES Net
Net Preamble
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Calling the Wisconsin ARES/RACES Net. Calling the Wisconsin ARES/RACES NET. This is <your call sign>. My name is <your name> and I am located in <your city and county>.

Is there any emergency of priority traffic? Please call <your call>.

(Emergency and priority traffic should be listed and handled before any other business on the net.)

This net meets every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. central time on 3967 KHz. primary, 3977.5, secondary, or 7250 KHz primary, 7245 secondary, depending on band conditions. All frequencies may vary depending on band usage.

The purposes of this net are to provide training, education, and information regarding ARES/RACES. The net is part of the National Traffic System and is available for formal, NTS traffic. Traffic not concerning ARES/RACES will be listed and passed after the leadership reports, so we invite all stations who can handle the traffic to remain on frequency to practice their skills.

This is a directed net. All traffic is under the direction of the Net Control Station, but emergency traffic may break the net at any time.

Stations with formal traffic to list, please call <your call> and just say the word, "traffic." We will list your traffic when you are acknowledged. Call <your call>.   (Acknowledge the stations and list the traffic.)

We will now take check-ins. Please give my call, listen, and then give your call to avoid doubling.   If you are on short time or "in and out," please indicate that when you check in. If you need to leave the net, please check out. [We are holding traffic for _____.] (Recognize each check-in by call [and name, if possible]. Stand by several times until all check-ins are listed.)

Note: when someone checks in saying "in and out" or "short time" call on them before continuing.
< After taking check-ins, perform the following:

1) *List any traffic not yet passed and ask takers to stand by until the end of the net.*
2) *Contact the Section Manager, Section Emergency Coordinator, and Section Traffic Manager for their reports;*
3) *Call on the Net Manager for the topic of the day;*
4) *If any stations check in as "mobile", take their comments first;*
5) *Periodically ask for check-ins and list any outstanding traffic;*
6) *Contact each station that has checked in for their ARES/RACES comments;*
7) *If a station checks in that is not on the net roster, get their first name and the county and state;*
8) *At the end of the net, thank all the participants, announce the next week's NCS volunteer, and clear any traffic.*
9) *Try to end the net by 9:00 a.m.*

Thank you all for participating in the Wisconsin ARES/RACES HF Net. This is <your callsign> closing the net and returning the frequency to its normal, amateur use. 73.

Appendix:

1) This script is for use on the Sunday ARES/RACES HF Net. In case of activation, the Net Control Station can use this script as a model but the situation will determine the exact preamble.
2) A report of net operations should be sent to the Net Manager upon completion of the net. This report consists of:
   - Date of the net
   - Total number of check-ins
   - Number of formal messages passed
   - Duration of the net in minutes
   - If Net is used to support an incident, the name of the incident needs to be included in the report