PINELLAS ACS-ARES®-SKYWARN TRAINING AND INFORMATION NET

NET CONTROL SCRIPT

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The Pinellas County ACS-ARES® and SKYWARN Training and Information net is held weekly on Tuesday evenings at 1930 hours local. The following panels contain the Net Control Station (NCS) script to be used during the net.

Please follow the directions listed below when using the script.

a.   The text within quotes should be broadcast to the net as written.

b.   Notes within the script provide additional information to the NCS. They are displayed in **Blue** and should not be broadcast to the net.

c.   The place holders (*Call sign*) and (*Name*) should be replaced with the FCC Call Sign and name of the individual identified in the script.

d.   The **ACTION** statements within the script describe the actions to be performed by the NCS or the station called by the NCS. They are displayed in **Red** and should not be broadcast to the net.

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"CQ, CQ... Calling all Amateurs... This is the Pinellas County ACS-ARES and SKYWARN Training and Information Net."

"This is (*Call sign*) and my name is (*Name*). I am the Net Control Station for this evening's net."

Note: Please confirm that an Alternate Net Control Station has been assigned prior to the net.

"Our Alternate Net Control Station is (*Name*), (*Call sign*). (*Name*) please acknowledge if you are on frequency."

ACTION - Acknowledge the Alternate NCS.

"This is a directed net. Please listen to and follow the directions of Net Control. Before we continue, is there any priority traffic for this net? If so, please call now."

ACTION -Acknowledge check-ins by call sign and process traffic as required.

"The W4ACS Repeater System operates on a frequency of 145.170 and 443.400 Mhz. To participate in this net, your radio must be capable of transmitting a sub-audible tone of 156.7 Hz. The W4ACS Repeater Systems transmits this sub-audible tone so CTCSS can be used."

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"The Pinellas County ACS-ARES and SKYWARN Training and Information net is sponsored by the following organizations: Pinellas County Emergency Management, the Pinellas County Auxiliary Communication Service, Pinellas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and by the ARRL."

"The net is held on Tuesday evenings at 1930 local time or when activated by the ACS Radio Officer / ARES EC or his designee. Prior to this net at 1900 local, a net is held on 28.450 MHz +/- using upper sideband. Please check-in there if you can. The purpose of all these nets is to bring together members of the local amateur community for training and readiness in times of emergency."

"All stations listening are cordially invited and encouraged to check in. You do not need to be a member of ACS, ARES, or SKYWARN to check into this net."

"This is (*Call sign*). I will now take check-ins for the net. When checking into the net, provide Net Control with your call sign and traffic list. Please speak slowly, clearly, and phonetically. Also, please call one at a time and wait for Net Control to acknowledge each station before a new station attempts to check-in."

"Stations with a prefix that begins with the letter A (Alpha), the letter N (November), or the letter W (Whiskey). Please call now."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

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"I will now take check-ins from stations with a prefix that begins with the letter the letter K (kilo). Please call now."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

"Not hearing any more Kilo stations, I will now take check-ins from EchoLink. EchoLink stations please call now."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

"I will now take check-ins from any station that has not previously been acknowledged by net control. Please call now."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

"Not hearing any more stations, we will now proceed with the business of the net."

Staff Reports:

10-Meter Net Report: "(*Name*), (*Call Sign*), do you have a 10-meter net report for this evening?"

ACTION - 10-Meter NCS provides 10-meter net report.

DRO: "Dave, KA4EBX, our Deputy Radio Officer, do you have a Repeater System status report for this evening's net?"

ACTION - Deputy Radio Officer provides Repeater Status to the Net.

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SKYWARN: "Dave, W4PXE, our SKYWARN coordinator, do you have a SKYWARN report for this evening's net?"

ACTION - SKYWARN Coordinator provides SKYWARN status to the Net.

"Are there any additional check-ins for the net? Please call now."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

EC/RO: "Clayton, KJ4RUS, our Pinellas County Emergency Coordinator and Radio Officer, do you have any announcements for this evening's net?"

ACTION - Emergency Coordinator / Radio Officer provides report to the Net.

"Do any other ARES or ACS staff members have traffic or announcements for the net?"

ACTION - Acknowledge call sign and process traffic as required.

"Are there any additional check-ins for the net? Please call now."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

Training:

Training Officer: "Mike, WA1RYQ, our Training Officer, please proceed with tonight's training."

ACTION - Training Officer provides training to the Net.

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"This is (*Call sign*) the Net Control Station for the Pinellas County ACS-ARES and SKYWARN Training and Information Net. Are there any additional check-ins for the net? Please call now."

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

"If you would like to have additional information about ACS, ARES, SKYWARN, or amateur radio in general, please go to www.pcacs.org. You can also contact one of the following members."

"Clayton, KJ4RUS, ACS RO /ARES EC: Clayton_parrott@yahoo.com"

"Mike, WA1RYQ ACS Training Officer: WA1RYQ@ARRL.Net

"One last call for questions, comments, or late check-ins before I close the net."

ACTION - Acknowledge Check-ins, Comments, and Questions as required.

"I would like to remind everyone to check in to the 550 Simplex Net every Sunday evening at 2000-Hrs Local on 147.550 MHz. The 550 net is an informal net and is not affiliated with any club, group or organization. Its purpose is to promote good will and fellowship in the amateur radio community and to test our equipment in simplex operation for emergency communications."

"As a reminder, Pinellas ACS has a two-part Simplex plan."

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"Plan A is a county wide simplex net with all Pinellas County stations operating on a single simplex frequency of 146.430 Mhz."

"Plan B is a split county simplex net with all stations located north of Ulmerton road operating on a frequency of 146.430 MHz and all stations located south of Ulmerton Road operating on a frequency to 146.470 MHz."

"Remember we have two Section ARES nets each week. The first net is on Saturday mornings at 0730 local on a frequency of 3.940 MHz or alternately 7.247 Mhz. The second net is on Monday evenings at 1930 local on the NI4CE repeater system. This second net is a combined West Central Florida Section Information Net and Section ARES Net."

"The local time is now _____" (Use 24-hour format)

"I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and participation in tonight's net. All net participants are free to secure."

"This is *(Call sign)*. The net is now closed, and the frequency is available for normal Amateur use."

Note: At the conclusion of the net, send an informal net report via email to Vern, K4VEB, at vbetlach@gmail.com. The report should specify the number of net check-ins, the net duration, and the number of formal messages passed.

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