

ACS-ARES COUNTY NET SCRIPT (rev 2016-12-04)

- Blue text is info for net control. Do not read aloud.
- Red text is for individual information.
- Black is the text to be read.
- Monitor the frequency for at least five minutes before the net.
- If there are conversations on the frequency, ask for their cooperation during the net.
- We record only TOTAL, MEMBER, VISITOR, and DIGITAL numbers.
- Total can be all check-ins on all modes and frequencies. We are counting check-ins here, not people. The total can be higher than the sum of the other columns, because an individual might check in on more than one mode or frequency.
- Reporting all modes of checking in is encouraged, along with any news from the area, AFTER the four reporting columns are reported.
- Members are individuals that are listed on the ACS-ARES roster for an area. Here we are counting people, and each person counts once.
- Visitors are those individuals not on the area roster. They might be ACS or ARES members of another area, but if they are not on your area roster, they are a visitor. Here we are counting people, and each person counts once. Since they are not on the area roster, only their callsign needs to be recorded. Each call should only be recorded once.

Opening the Net - (speak Clearly and Slowly)

Before we begin the Ventura County ACS-ARES net, is there any emergency or priority traffic on the frequency?

(Mic Off- Pause long enough here to allow response)

This is (Your Name & Ham Call Sign), Net Control for tonight's Ventura County ACS-ARES net. If at any time during the net tonight, anyone needs this frequency for emergency or priority traffic, please call net control, and we'll respond appropriately.

The Auxiliary Communications Service, (ACS) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, (ARES) are cooperative organizations that provide emergency and public service communications within Ventura County.

We are a group of Radio Amateurs who have volunteered our skills and equipment to help meet the emergency and civic needs of our community. This is done with the identity and cooperation of the Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS), a volunteer service agency administered by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), an Amateur Radio public service group under the American Radio Relay League

We hold this weekly radio net every Tuesday at 1930 hours local time on the WD6EBY Repeaters. The primary frequency of this net is 145.200 with a minus offset, and a PL of 127.3 Hz. If the repeater should fail for any reason, stay tuned to the output frequency of this repeater and net control will direct you as necessary.

I will now begin the Roll Call process with the County Leadership.
County District Emergency Coordinator – Rob, W6RH

Assistant District Emergency Coordinator – Rick, KQ6NO

(If either Rob's or Rick's reports contain a lot of detail, you may opt to ask if anyone has any questions for them)

Announcements and Traffic

If there is any traffic from the 8 Areas, please come with your Area number, and call-sign. (Pause for response, then take reports in calling order)

ID at 10 minutes of net time, which is often about here

This is [Name, Call] for the Ventura County ACS-ARES net.

Local Area Reports

As I call each of the areas, please give your NAME, CALLSIGN, the TOTAL of all checkins, the number of MEMBER, VISITOR, and DIGITAL check-ins. Please give these numbers slowly so net control can copy them correctly. After you give the counts, please proceed area news you have for the net. When complete please conclude your report with your call sign, "back to net control" to let us know your report is concluded.

AREA	NAME	CALLSIGN	TOTAL	MEMBER	VISITOR	DIGITAL
6 METERS						
PACKET						
H.F.						
AREA 1						
AREA 2						
AREA 3						
AREA 4						
AREA 5						
AREA 6						
AREA 7						
AREA 8						

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Final Business of the Net

Before we close the net, if there are any guests, last minute announcements, comments, questions, or other information for the net, please come now.
(Mic Off- Pause long enough here to allow response)

Closing the Net

This has been the weekly Ventura County ACS-ARES net. This net meets every Tuesday at 1930 hours. Thank you for your time, interest and participation in the drill this evening.

We urge any non-member stations interested in the Auxiliary Communications Service or the Amateur Radio Emergency Service to contact your local Emergency Coordinator, this station, or leave a message on the ACS voice mail at 805-654-2941.

After any linked systems are reset, the frequencies will return to normal operation. We appreciate the cooperation of all of the repeater systems that make our local and countywide nets possible, and we are thankful that they will be there when needed in an emergency. We encourage you to support them in any way you can.

This concludes the Ventura County ACS/ARES weekly net at [##:##] hours local time.

This is [Name, Call] Clear