

ACS-ARES COUNTY ORT NET SCRIPT (rev 2020-10-13)

- 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 Operational Readiness 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.

Tonight's net is an Operational Readiness Testing night, or ORT. We have operators stationed at virtually every Emergency Operations Center, Hospital, Fire, and Police station in the County, as well as a number of other critical emergency locations. The purpose of tonight's operation is to ensure that the radio equipment at each location is operational, and ready for use at any moment.

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 report contains a lot of detail, you may opt to ask if anyone has any questions for them)

Announcements and Traffic

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

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

Local Area Reports

As I call each of the areas, please give your NAME, CALLSIGN, the TOTAL of all check-ins, 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 with any area news you have for the net. Then, you can poll each facility. They should identify only with the location, the number of operators at that location, and the call of the person reporting. When complete please end with your call sign, and “back to net control” to let us know your report is concluded.

AREA	NAME	Callsign	TOTAL	MEMBERS	VISITORS	DIGITAL
6 METERS						
PACKET						
H.F.						
Winlink						
AREA 1						
Simi Valley Adventist Hospital						
Simi Valley EOC / Police Station						
AREA 2						
Los Robles Hospital (main)						
Los Robles (East Campus)						
Amgen						
East County Sheriff's Station						
City of Thousand Oaks						
Cal Lutheran University						
Oak Park						
AREA 3						
Pleasant Valley Hospital						
Camarillo EOC						
Leisure Village						
Red Cross Chapter House Camarillo						
AREA 4						
St. John's Regional Medical Center						
National Weather Service						
Naval Base						

Ventura County						
AREA	NAME	Callsign	TOTAL	MEMBERS	VISITORS	DIGITAL
Port Hueneme EOC						
Oxnard Fire EOC						
Oxnard Police EOC						
EMS/Public Health						
AREA 5						
Ojai Community Hospital						
Ojai EOC / Police						
ARC Center						
Oak View Park						
AREA 6						
Community Memorial Hospital						
Ventura County Medical Center						
Ventura City EOC / Police + Fire Dept.						
Ventura County EOC						
ACS Trailer						
AREA 7						
Santa Paula Hospital						
Santa Paula EOC / Police Department						
Fillmore EOC / Police Department						
Piru EOC / Police Department						
AREA 8						
Moorpark Police EOC						
Visitors						

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

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 visit the ACS-ARES website at www.vccomm.org

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