Exercise Net Scripts

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PREFACE

Where's WALDO is sponsored by Prince William County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (PWCARES). This Player Exercise Handbook was produced with input, advice, and assistance from the ***Where's WALDO*** exercise planning team, which followed the guidance set forth in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

The Exercise Net Scripts is a supplement to the ***Where's WALDO*** Exercise Plan (ExPlan) and provides controllers and evaluators detailed information about the exercise scenario and their specific duties and responsibilities. All participants should refer to the ExPlan for basic information about the exercise, including participating agencies, schedules, briefings, and the responsibilities of various participants. The information in this document is current as of the date of publication, September 3, 2009, and is subject to change as dictated by the ***Where's WALDO*** exercise planning team.

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<u>NO ARES MEMBER IS TO DEPLOY WITHOUT EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS!</u>

National Weather Service

- When the NWS issues a **Watch**, ARES members are to check their gear and where needed, pick up any last minute items. No further activity is required.

- When the NWS issues a **Warning**, the plan is assumed to be activated and members are to move to a *stand-by* status. Further, because of the potential for loss of normal communications, members are encourage to tune their radios to either 146.970 – or 147.240 +.

Department of Homeland Security

- **Orange:** At threat level Orange, the plan is activated in an extended stand-by mode. Batteries should be charged or on the charger, go-kits should be prepared and restocked and last minute items should be acquired. Where possible, ARES® members should carry their go-kits with them at all times. The EC Team is expected to have a radio with them at all times (where possible) and should monitor the repeaters.

- **Red:** At threat level Red, the plan is considered activated. All ARES® members shall prepare for immediate call-up once ensuring to the safety of their home and family. Radios shall be tuned to either 146.970 - or 147.240 +. A call-up or status change will be issued by the EC Team as indicated in consultation with the served agencies.

Chapter 2 ARES Activation

- Q-S-T, Q-S-T, Q-S-T. This is **(your name, give your Call-Sign using standard phonetics)**, acting for the Prince William County Amateur Radio Emergency Service. ARES has been activated. Anyone on this frequency, please clear the frequency and standby. At this time, please monitor the Logistics net for more information. **{DROP CARRIER}**
- Is there any emergency or priority traffic? **{DROP CARRIER}**
- Do we have a backup NCS Available? **(Accept and recognize check-in from backup NCS). {DROP CARRIER}**
- Are there any stations with Emergency or Priority traffic, please call now. **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**

(Read this portion once during an hourly NCS slot, or as deemed necessary by conditions or by the Net Manager)

- In the event of a repeater outage on this frequency, our primary backup repeaters are:

   1. Primary **147.240+ or 146.970-**
   2. Secondary **442.200+** (W4OVH 440 Repeater LOG/CnC)
   3. Tertiary **444.900+** (WWI 440 Repeater LOG/CnC)
   4. Quaternary **147.525 Simplex** (PWCARES VHF1)
   5. Quinary **146.475 Simplex** (PWCARES VHF2)

Stations are requested to QSY (Change Frequency To …) to the most readable primary net frequency or to the best available subnet frequency."

- You MUST use your FCC Callsign at the END of your transmission and once every 10 minutes. If the transmission doesn't last 10 minutes, then you use it at the end. If the transmission lasts 15 minutes, you use it at the 10 minute mark and at the end per FCC 97.119 (LINK#1) (LINK#2)

Chapter 3 Command and Control (CnC) Net

- Q-S-T, Q-S-T, Q-S-T. This is **(your name, give your Call-Sign using standard phonetics)**, Prince William County ARES has been activated. Are there any stations with Emergency or Priority traffic, please call now. **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
- We will start with stations ending in A through H, Alpha through Hotel. When calling ARES Net Control, please speak slowly and use standard phonetics when giving your call-sign. I will get to each in turn. Please call in now with your call-sign only: **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
- We will continue with any stations ending in I through M, India through Mike. When calling ARES Net Control, please speak slowly and use standard phonetics when giving your call-sign. I will get to each in turn. Please call in now with your call-sign only: **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
- We will continue with any stations ending in N through R, November through Romeo. When calling ARES Net Control, please speak slowly and use standard phonetics when giving your call-sign. I will get to each in turn. Please call in now with your call-sign only: **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
- We will continue with any stations ending in S through Z, Sierra through Zulu. When calling ARES Net Control, please speak slowly and use standard phonetics when giving your call-sign. I will get to each in turn. Please call in now with your call-sign only: **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
- Are there any stations that I might have missed or that need to call in again? When calling ARES Net Control, please speak slowly and use standard phonetics when giving your call-sign. I will get to each in turn. Please call in now with your call-sign only: **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
- The following stations please change frequency to the (Logistics, Operations, etc) Net and contact Net Control on that net. **(Read the list of stations that need to switch frequency to the OPS Net) {DROP CARRIER}**

(Read this portion once during an hourly NCS slot, or as deemed necessary by conditions or by the Net Manager)

  - In the event of a repeater outage on this frequency, our primary backup repeaters are:
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Chapter 4 Logistics (LOG) Net - "Resources"

- Q-S-T, Q-S-T, Q-S-T. This is **(your name, give your Call-Sign using standard phonetics)**, Prince William County ARES has been activated. Are there any stations with Emergency or Priority traffic, please call now. **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
- We will start with stations ending in A through H, Alpha through Hotel. When calling ARES Net Control, please speak slowly and use standard phonetics when giving your call-sign. I will get to each in turn. Please call in now with your call-sign only: **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
- We will continue with any stations ending in I through M, India through Mike. When calling ARES Net Control, please speak slowly and use standard phonetics when giving your call-sign. I will get to each in turn. Please call in now with your call-sign only: **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
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- The following stations please change frequency to the Operations Net and contact Net Control on that net. **(Read the list of stations that need to switch frequency to the OPS Net) {DROP CARRIER}**

(Read this portion once during an hourly NCS slot, or as deemed necessary by conditions or by the Net Manager)

- In the event of a repeater outage on this frequency, our primary backup repeaters are:
  1. Primary **147.240+ or 146.970-**
  2. Secondary **42.200+** (W4OVH 440 Repeater LOG/CnC)
  3. Tertiary **444.900+** (WWI 440 Repeater LOG/CnC)
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Stations are requested to QSY (Change Frequency To …) to the most readable primary net frequency or to the best available subnet frequency."

Chapter 5 Operations (OPS) Net - "Tactical"

- Q-S-T, Q-S-T, Q-S-T. This is **(your name, give your Call-Sign using standard phonetics)**, Prince William County ARES has been activated. Are there any stations with Emergency or Priority traffic, please call now. **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
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- The following stations please change frequency to the Logistics Net and contact Net Control on that net. **(Read the list of stations that need to switch frequency to the OPS Net) {DROP CARRIER}**

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Chapter 6 Liaison Stations

- Q-S-T, Q-S-T, Q-S-T. This is **(your name, give your Call-Sign using standard phonetics)**, Prince William County ARES has been activated. Are there any stations with Emergency or Priority traffic, please call now. **{DROP CARRIER} (Read back check-in stations - if very noisy - request them to boost power)**
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Chapter 7 Closing the Net

I would like to thank the Ole Virginia Hams and the Woodbridge Wireless Amateur Radio Groups for the use of their repeaters during this event: as well as the amateur community for giving ARES traffic priority and for participating in the ARES nets during this event. The ARES Amateur Radio Net is now secured at _____ (**time**) and the repeater(s) is/are returned to normal service. This is _____ (**your name, give your Call-Sign using standard phonetics**), clear on frequency, 73".