

Lee County ARES® Emergency Color Zone Net Script (November 2024)

(Prior to opening the net, ask for station to serve as your alternate net control station: “Is there a station on frequency that can serve as alternate net control for the Lee County ARES® [COLOR] Zone Net?” Remember to log that station.)

(BEGIN AN ICS-214 ACTIVITY REPORT AND ICS-309 COMMUNICATIONS LOG NOW!)

1. CQ, CQ, CQ, calling the Lee County ARES® [COLOR] Zone Net. CQ, CQ, CQ calling the Lee County ARES® [COLOR] Zone Net. This is [CALLSIGN], my name is [NAME] and I will be the net control station for the [COLOR] Zone net.

This net is being called in support of a Lee County ARES® team activation.

In the event of a repeater failure, please switch to [YOUR COLOR ZONE SIMPLEX FREQUENCY], Channel [X] on the Lee County ARES® standard frequency list.

To determine the color zone of your location, please visit the “Downloads” page at LeeARES.com.

This is a directed net, so please follow the instructions of net control.

All stations are to remain on frequency unless released by net control.

Remember to ID every 10 minutes. A color zone net may have long periods of no traffic; ID frequently enough to “hold the frequency”. Ask for additional check-ins each time.

2. Is there any emergency or priority traffic? {Log any stations that reply.} Any stations holding emergency or priority traffic should QSY to the 147.165 repeater or 146.475 simplex, and contact W4LCO (Lee County EOC) directly.
3. I will now take check-ins from members of ARES®. Members should check in by giving their unit number if applicable, callsign, and location. Check-ins please call now. {Acknowledge and log check-ins by unit number. Repeat the request once.}
4. [CALLSIGN], please verify that you will be alternate net control? {Remember to log your ANCS. Your ANCS will assume net control in case you have to leave the net, or if you have to QSY to communicate with the EOC.}

5. {Once you believe you have all the current check-ins, go back through your list one by one and get a situation report from each station. Log that information.} I will now call each station to give a situation report from their location.
6. {Once all of the zone ARES® members are accounted for, net control may ask for non-member check-ins, and then take situation reports from those stations. Remember to log those stations and their information.} Are there any non-ARES® members wishing to check-in? Please give your callsign, name and location.
7. Do NOT under ANY circumstances leave the net without a net control. If you need to leave the net, have your ANCS assume control, or find another station to assume NCS.
8. **Color zone nets are not to handle health, welfare or routine traffic.** The Southwest Florida Traffic Net will handle that traffic via the National Traffic System. The SWFTN should be held on the 145.170 repeater, unless otherwise specified. Additional information about the SWFTN will likely be disseminated during the activation.
9. Have your alternate net control station or other designee QSY to the EOC repeater as needed. As NCS, you should try to remain on frequency whenever possible. If you do need to leave or QSY, remember to have your ANCS take over the net while you are gone.
10. As time and situations allow, ask for additional check-ins.
11. Make sure that you track net time, check-ins, and any formal traffic on your ICS-214 Activity Report and ICS-309 Communications Log. You will submit these at the end of the activation.
12. When instructed to do so by the EOC, close the net: This net is now closed, and the repeater is returned to normal amateur operation. This is [CALLSIGN] and I will be [clear/monitoring/QRT].”