Monroe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service
Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

MC ARES/RACES Emergency Net

[If operating from the EOC use the WX3OES call sign, remember the FCC 10 Min ID Rules]

Preamble

"This is *[Call Sign]* **calling the Monroe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net. This is <u>NOT</u> a drill. The purpose of this net is to coordinate emergency and back up communications as requested by** *[name of requesting agency]* **due to damages and communications disruptions caused by** *[state the event briefly]. [If using a repeater other than the WX3OES Repeater state the info for the repeater in use, if operating simplex say "operating simplex"]* **We are currently using the WX3OES repeater, 146.865 (PL100), maintained and owned by the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management. This is <u>NOT</u> a drill."**

"Is there any emergency or priority traffic? Any station with emergency or priority traffic, please call net control now." *[Handle all emergency and priority traffic then proceed]*

"This is a directed net, during the net please direct all communications through net control. This net is open to all stations able to assist during this emergency. ARES/RACES membership is not required and all Amateurs are encouraged to check in and provide support.

"At this time, I'm looking for a backup net control station. Is there a Monroe County ARES/RACES station for back-up net control?" *[Wait a few seconds for a backup NCS to call, if no one is available continue without one]* **"I recognize** *[Call Sign]* **as my backup."**

Check-ins

"I will now call for check-ins. To check-in, say the words "Net Control", un-key and let the repeater carrier drop, then continue by giving your call sign, name, and present location.   When checking in notify net control if you have traffic. MCARES stations only, please check in at this time." *[Handle this traffic then proceed]* **"I will now call for check-ins from any stations willing to assist"**

Recognition of Check-ins

"Net control recognizes" *[list all of the stations that checked in].* **"All stations that have checked in, please do not leave the net without notifying net control"**

Announcements

"Are there any <u>operational</u> announcements for the net? Please call net control."

Recognize stations with announcements, giving them the opportunity to make their announcement.

[This step is OPTIONAL] **"Any station having a question, please call** *[Call Sign]* **net control now."**
Recognize stations with questions call you, if there's a question that you know the direct answer to answer the question, otherwise turn the net over to the RO/EC/AEC for an answer. If the RO/ EC/AEC isn't on frequency, say "I don't know at this time". DO NOT speculate and do not allow general discussions. Keep the frequency as clear as possible.

Resource Collection

Call each MCARES station and ask if they are available to be deployed if needed, if the answer is no, ask them to serve as relay stations or other functions as needed. Call each non-MCARES station and ask if they are

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available to be deployed if needed, if the answer is no, ask them to serve as relay stations or other functions as needed. Record all information on the Resource Net Log.

Additional Check-ins
"I will now pause to recognize any additional check-ins. Any station who wishes to check in to the net, please call *[Call Sign]* **net control now."** *[Recognize stations].* **"Again all stations that have checked in, please do not leave the net without notifying net control"**

Deployment
Deployment is to be done by the RO/EC/AEC or by the NCS as directed by the RO/EC/AEC.

Tactical Net
Start or switch to a tactical net when needed, in large scale events open an additional net on the secondary repeater if available.

Traffic Net
Start or switch to a traffic net when needed, in large scale events open an additional net on the secondary repeater if available.

Roll Call
Unless the net is handling traffic, conduct a roll call on the hour.
Maintain an ICS-214AR log of all check-ins and significant traffic. Don't do a roll call on the hour when an NCS hand-off has just taken place.

Net Control Hand-Off

"This is *[Call Sign]* **I am looking for my replacement NCS. Is** *[call sign of replacement]* **ready to do a hand-off?"**

The new NCS should already have the list of people checked in. Verify that he does. If not read off the list and be sure he has it. **"This is** *[Call Sign]* **I will now turn the net over to** *[incoming NCS call sign.]*

Closing the Net

"I will now bring the net to a close. I want to thank all stations that helped out during this event.   When I say your call sign please respond with your call sign and 'closing station'." *[The NCS will then call all stations that checked in. When all stations have closed, the NCS will make the following announcement]*

"Monroe County ARES/RACES would like to thank everyone who checked in to support this operational event, and also thank the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management for the use of the repeater. I will now return the repeater to normal use. This is *[Call Sign]* **net control closing the net at _____ local time."**

The NCS should maintain a log (ICS Form 214AR) and report this information to the Emergency Coordinator following the net.