

# CENTRAL MS ARES

## DIGITAL NET

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### **Starting the net:**

**8:00pm** begin the net

### **1. Preamble**

All stations, good evening. This is (**your callsign**), Net Control for this session of the Central MS ARES Digital Net.

This net meets every Monday night at 8:00pm local time as a training tool and practice session for using digital modes for passing information. Our primary focus is emergency communications but anyone interested in digital modes is welcome.

We use the Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System, or NBEMS, that uses FLDIGI, FLMSG, and FLAMP suite of free software. See our webpage at [msares.com](http://msares.com) for download links.

If you have the NBEMS software, please turn on FLDIGI, FLMSG and FLAMP now.

This net is conducted in a mixed mode format using analog voice for instruction and digital for messaging.

This is a directed net, which means stations must be invited to transmit by Net Control.

### **2. CALL FOR CHECK-INS:**

Check-ins will be in two phases. The first will be digital check-ins followed by voice check-ins for those unable to make a digital check-in or those just wishing to monitor the net.

Please stand by for digital check-ins via FLDIGI using **<Give frequency, mode and waterfall center setting>**

**<Call for check-ins digitally with provided "Call 4 Chk Ins@>|" macro. Log each digital check-in. Acknowledge them and call again for digital check-ins using the "Call Again @>|" macro as needed. When finished with digital check-ins acknowledge each of them by call sign saying:>**

I have the following digital check-ins: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

All other stations wishing to check in by voice please let me know if you have NBEMS. Please call now.

**<Log each station and note the ones with NBEMS to call on them later. Acknowledge them by call sign.>**

### **3. TRAFFIC HANDLING**

**<If any not-test/non-exercise traffic was identified during check-ins handle it now in Priority and check-in order.>**

### **4. SCREEN TEXT RECEPTION TEST**

At this time Net Control will send a screen text message to determine if your NBEMS system is receiving correctly. Please make sure your RxID is turned on. Please stand by to copy.

**<Send the WELCOME macro>**

**<Afterward, call on each station in check-in order with NBEMS and ask...>**

(Their call sign), how did you copy my screen text?

**<Assist those needing help as much as possible and offer to stay after the net to help for those requiring more time. Call on other stations to help if needed. Move the net along as soon as possible.>**

**<Next send using the Agenda macro>**

**<Afterwards, ask...>**

Did any stations have issues receiving my text transmission?

**<Follow up any issues if possible, resending or having the message relayed if needed.>**

### **5. FLMSG RECEPTION TEST:**

At this time Net Control will send an FLMSG to determine if your NBEMS system is receiving FLMSG forms correctly.

**<Send an FLMSG form which you filled out and saved prior to the net. It can be a Radiogram, ICS-213 form or Storm Spotter report. Address to Net Participants and try to keep as short as possible.>**

**<Afterward, using the check-in log in order ask each station with NBEMS...>**

(Their call sign), did my FLMSG transmission open up in your FLMSG window and/or your received messages panel>

**<As before, assist stations with issues and call on other stations who may be able to help or advise. Attempt to help all with problems or try to stay after the net to assist. Move the net along as quickly as possible.>**

## **6. CALL FOR LATE CHECK-INS:**

This is (**your call sign**), Net Control for the Central MS ARES Digital Net. I will now take late check-ins. Please give your call sign and let me know if you have NBEMS. Please call now.

**<Update the log and acknowledge each check-in by call sign.>**

## **7. TRANSMISSION TEST:**

At this time Net Control will allow participants to send a text message to determine if their NMEBS system is transmitting correctly. You may use a screen text or an FLMSG for this test.

For screen text you may type your text in the bottom panel and send it manually using the TX/RX button. However, it is preferable that you place it in a macro button. That way you can easily resend it or change it if needed.

If using FLMSG you may use a Radiogram, ICS-213 or Storm Report.

Please limit your transmissions to be as brief as possible.

**<Afterward, use the check-in log in order of stations with NBEMS and ask...>**

(Their call sign), would you like to send a screen text or FLMSG?

**<Allow any station that has a test message to send to go ahead and transmit. Give them a verbal percent copied report and if 100%, read their message to the net for those unable to copy. Go to each station checked in with NBEMS and repeat this step until all have had a chance to transmit. As before, assist when needed. > 8. WEEKLY TRAINING OR EXERCISE**

**<This is a placeholder for training or an exercise.>**

## **9. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/TESTS**

**<Time permitting, ask...>**

Does anyone have any additional tests you would like to run or comments for the net?

**<Follow up as needed>**

## **10. CLOSING THE NET**

Before we close the net are there any late check-ins. Please call now.

I want to thank everyone for participating and thank W5PPB for the use of his repeater.

This is **(your call sign)** closing the Central MS ARES Digital Net at \_\_\_\_\_ hours and returning this repeater to normal operation. 73 to all.