

**Central Mississippi ARES
EMERGENCY NET**

**NET CONTROL SCRIPT
Version 03-25-2021**

**Pelahatchie Repeater
145.390 Repeater (77hz tone)**

I. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH NEW SHIFT

<Contact the current Net Control Station five minutes before your shift is scheduled to begin, and inform him that you are on frequency and ready to take over the net at the top of the hour. Before he secures his station, make sure you obtain from him, either verbally or digitally, a list of all previous check ins. Add them to your Log Sheet, checking all blanks that apply, except the last three which you will only check if that person passes information during your shift. Additionally, obtain from the previous Net Control Station the list of stations who have signed up for shifts to run the net during this activation.>

<All Net Control Stations' please begin your shift as follows:>

"All stations this frequency, please standby for the Central Mississippi ARES Emergency Net. This is **(your call sign)**, I will be your Net Control for the shift starting now."

"Central Mississippi ARES activates its members and nets in preparation for, and response to, all communications outages, severe weather threats, emergencies, and disasters which affect the communities in the counties of Central Mississippi. We serve the amateur radio community, the public, and various public service agencies with whom we have signed agreements."

Are there any Central Mississippi ARES Alternate Net Control Stations on frequency who can take over if my station goes off the air, please call now?"

<If so, add them to your log sheet, and say:>

"Thank you _____, if my station goes off the air please take over the net."

Are there any NTS Liaison Stations on frequency who can take traffic if needed, please call now?"

<If so, add them to your log sheet, and say:>

"Thank you _____, if someone needs to pass traffic I will call on you to take it."

Are there any SKYWARN Liaison Stations on frequency who can pass Storm Spotter Reports to the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Jackson if needed, please call now.“

<If so, add them to your log sheet, and say:>

“Thank you _____, if someone brings a Storm Report I will call on you to take it.”

II. READ EVERY TEN MINUTES:

1. <Announcement:>

"All stations, this is **(your call sign)**, Net Control for the Central Mississippi ARES Emergency Net.”

“If my station goes off the air _____ will be your Net Control Station. If the Pelahatchie Repeater goes off the air we will use the Morton Repeater, which has a frequency of 147.045 and 100 hertz tone. If all of the local repeaters go down we will use 146.540 simplex.”

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< THE NET MANAGER WILL PASTE THE REASON FOR THIS ACTIVATION BELOW>

“The Central Mississippi ARES Team and Emergency Net have been activated in response to Level 4 Severe Weather conditions currently threatening the counties of Central Mississippi. A Level 4 Weather Severity means that the National Weather Service is predicting severe storms capable of producing strong and violent long-tracking tornadoes, damaging winds, and hail larger than golf ball size.”

“We expect this activation to end by or before 7:00 pm, unless severe damage and communications outages occur. The Amateur Radio Community in Central Mississippi is encouraged to check into and monitor this net for information and assistance. We ask that all of our ARES members, Alternate Net Controls, and Liaison Stations be prepared to serve by checking into and monitoring this net throughout the activation time period.”

< THE NET MANAGER WILL PASTE THE REASON FOR THIS ACTIVATION ABOVE>

“During this activation we will be taking check ins by voice mode. We will be taking storm spotter reports, damage reports, emergency, priority, and health & welfare traffic by voice mode as well as by FLMSG digital mode. The net will also take and disseminate the latest Watch, Warning and Advisory updates which affect the counties in Central Mississippi, as they are released from the National Weather Service.”

“ARES has a signed agreement with the National Weather Service to provide Storm Spotter data for their SKYWARN program. The NWS is looking for the following information by location:

- Hail (by size) Penny, Quarter, Half Dollar, Walnut, Golf Ball, Baseball or larger
- Wind Damage
- Funnel Clouds
- Tornado on the ground
- Flooding”

2. <Take Check Ins:>

At this time I will take check ins by call sign, name and location. If you have a piece of traffic, a storm spotter report, or the latest National Weather Service update for Central Mississippi please let us know that as well. Stations wishing to check in or bring a report please call now.

<**Record all check ins, note any traffic, reports, NWS advisories they have, and for each check in say:**>

“(Their call-sign) thank you for checking in, do you have any traffic, storm reports, or NWS updates for the net?”

<**If they have traffic call on the NTS Liaison to take it (or take it yourself if no NTS Liaison is on frequency). If they have a Storm Spotter Report call on the SKYWARN Liaison to take it (or take it yourself if no SYKARAN Liaison is on frequency). If they have an NWS Watch, Warning, or Advisory update for one or more of the counties in Central Mississippi ask them to read it to the net.**>

3. <**Read Latest Watch, Warning, or Advisory: The link to these updates can be found in a column on : <https://www.weather.gov/jan/> >**

4. <**If there are no further check ins, traffic, reports, updates say:**>

"All stations, this is (**your call sign**), Net Control for the Central Mississippi ARES Emergency Net. I will be back for another round of check ins in ten minutes. However, I will be monitoring this frequency for check ins, traffic, reports and updates. I will also bring any new updates as I receive them from the national weather service. This is (**your call sign**).

V. NET END:

< **When Net Control receives word from the Net Manager or Emergency Coordinator to secure the net, read the following**>

At this time, our Emergency Coordinator has DEACTIVATED the Central Mississippi ARES Team and advised us to secure the net. All participants are now free to secure their stations.

This closes this session of the Central Mississippi ARES Emergency Net. I want to thank all those who participated in the net for serving the communities of Central Mississippi through amateur radio emergency communication. I also want to thank Jeff, W5PPB, for the use of his repeater.

The Net is now secure and the repeater is returned to normal use at _____ pm local time.

This is (your call sign), I'm clear.

VIII. NET SHIFT REPORT

Immediately following your shift please total up the information requested below and email it along with your Check In Log Sheet to our Net Manager, KG5SQZ at: NetManager@MSARES.com

Thank you for your service to Mississippi through Amateur Radio and ARES.

NET REPORT TOTALS

DATE:

NET CONTROL CALLSIGN:

SHIFT START:

SHIFT END:

NET LENGTH IN MINUTES:

TOTAL CHECK INS:

*TOTAL MAN HOURS:

* Total Man Hours = Net Length in Minutes times Total Check Ins divided by 60

NUMBER OF ALTERNATE NET CONTROLS:

NUMBER OF NTS LIAISONS:

NUMBER OF SKYWARN LIAISONS:

NUMBER OF PIECES OF TRAFFIC PASSED:

NUMBER OF STORM REPORTS: