Knox County ARES Severe Weather Net Script and Procedures

This is (your callsign) putting the repeater into net mode.

(Transmit the DTMF control tones to put the repeater into weather net mode. You will hear the announcement "File three load.")

My name is (your name and ARES title if any). I am net control for this Severe Weather Net of the Knox County ARES for (today's date). The alternate net station is (name and callsign). Are you there, (name)?

The National Weather Service has issued the following (warning, watch):

(Read the NWS message.)

Are there any reports of severe weather? We want reports ONLY for

- **Hail 1/2 inch or larger or covering the ground.**

- **Trees uprooted or downed, large healthy limbs downed (3" or larger).**

- **Wind or other storm damage to buildings etc. winds greater than 50 MPH.**

- **Tornadoes, wall clouds, funnel clouds or persistent cloud rotation.**

- **Rainfall greater than 1 inch per hour or less (measured).**

- **Flooding that poses a hazard and where it doesn't normally occur.**

- **Flooding that results in evacuations or rescues.**

- **Roads closed due to high water.**

- **Do not report lightning**

*(If the weather threat is **not immediate**, go through a check-in. **If the threat is immediate, defer any check-ins until after the threat has passed.**)*

1. (Establish a liaison with the Central Ohio Severe Weather Net if they are active. Then ask the liaison to relay reports of Severe Weather as they are reported to us.)

2. (Give a current weather report from the NWS about every15 minutes or as the situation develops.)

3. (Have someone relay any emergency situations to 9-1-1 for Knox County.)

All stations please check in now with the just the suffix of your call sign only - that's the letters following the numeral - in ITU phonetics; no other information at this time. Over. *(Log and acknowledge all suffixes heard. Say "I have XX, YYY, and Z, any others?" Do not hesitate to ask the net to "stand by" or say "net hold" if you have trouble copying a station, need to sort out stations who double, or if check-ins are too fast for you to log. If you do say "net stand by" or "net hold," let up on the mic button to make sure you are not doubling with someone else, and that you have control of the net. Then sort out what you need to and proceed with more check-ins. When no further stations check in, and all stations have been acknowledged, proceed.)*

When I call your suffix, please come back with your full call sign in ITU phonetics, your name, and if you are in Knox County, your general location (NE, SW, S, Central, etc.). If you are outside of Knox County, just give your county name. No other information at this time, please. Just call sign, name and what part of the county you're in. *(Start at the top of the list, call out a suffix, and log the station's full call sign, name, and location. When you get to the bottom of the list, ask if there are any further check-ins, suffix only. Log and acknowledge them. Then go back to those stations and get their full call signs, names, and locations).*

Is there any emergency or priority traffic? Are there any reports of severe weather?

(Wait for traffic for 5-10 seconds after the repeater carrier drops. If a station has traffic, log and acknowledge it by repeating the station call sign and the traffic's intended destination. For example, "I have KC8XXX with 1 for KD8YYY" or "I have KC8XXX with 2 for Newark." After acknowledging any traffic, ask if there are any stations on the net that can handle it, and take care of it immediately. Proceed with the net.)

This is a directed net and it is important for net control to know who is participating and available at all times. During an emergency, if you must leave the net, permission to do so must be requested of and granted by net control. During all nets, please make use of the appropriate break tags as noted in the Standard Operating Procedures.

I will now do a roll call. *(Go down your check-in list and call for each station.)*

I will now take any final check-ins or stations with questions or comments for the net. Please call now. *(Log and acknowledge any final check-ins, ask them for their comments or any questions. Proceed to close the net.)*

This is (your callsign), net control for this session of the Knox County ARES net. I would like to thank all stations that checked in tonight for their participation and support. I would like to thank my alternate net station (name and call sign). (Name,) how many check-ins did you count? *(Reconcile the total.)*

ARES thanks the Newark Amateur Radio Association for the use of their repeater for the operation of this net. All stations may now secure. This net is closed at (time) local time. I will now tone the repeater. *(Transmit the control tones to take the repeater out of net mode. You will hear the announcement "File one load." Then sign off.)* **This is (your callsign) clear and returning the frequency to general amateur use. 73.**