ARES Emergency Net Preamble – 10/21/26

Elements in RED are to be included during training exercises. Elements in (parentheses) are notes for NCO.

Clear the frequency by calling “Is the frequency (repeater) in use?” then call QST, QST, QST.

This is <your call> and my name is <your name>. This is the Indiana County ARES Emergency Net. This is a simulated emergency drill.

All amateurs are welcome to participate, you do not need to be an ARES member.

Is there any emergency or priority traffic for the net? (pause)

(Advise of the situation that prompted activation of net. Provide simulation scenario if training.)

I will now take check-ins. Please call net control then give your full call sign and wait to be acknowledged by net control. Once acknowledged please state your location and any reports you may have for the net. We also ask that you check out from this net if you need to secure your station.

(optional; NCO can take general check-ins if desired)
I will now take check-ins with suffixes Alpha through Echo. (pause)
I will now take check-ins with suffixes Foxtrot through Juliette. (pause)
I will now take check-ins with suffixes Kilo through Papa. (pause)
I will now take check-ins with suffixes Quebec through Uniform. (pause)
I will now take check-ins with suffixes Victor through Zulu. (pause)
Are there any other check-ins throughout the alphabet? (pause)

(every 5 minutes starting after completion of initial check-ins) This is <your call>, do we have any stations with emergency or priority traffic? (pause) Do we have any stations wishing to check in or out of the Indiana County ARES net? (pause)

(Every 10 minutes) This is <your call>, NCO for the Indiana County ARES Emergency Net. This is a simulated emergency drill. (Provide available updates.) Do we have any stations with emergency or priority traffic? (pause) Do we have any stations wishing to check in or out of the Indiana County ARES net? (pause)

(Keep net open until emergency situation has passed or directed to do so by EMA/ARES EC. NCO may hand off control of net to alternate NCO as necessary.)

(net closing) This is <your call>, net control for the Indiana County ARES Emergency Net. (if actual) At this time, Emergency Management has released us and we are closing the net. Thank you to all who have participated and stood by, we now return the frequency (repeater) to general amateur use at <current time>. (if training) This simulated emergency drill is now concluded and we are closing the net. Thank you to all who have participated and stood by, we now return the frequency (repeater) to general amateur use at <current time>.

73 and stay safe.