

ARES NET PREAMBLE

"This is _____ Net Control Station for the Berrien County Amateur Radio Emergency Service net. This net meets every Sunday at 7:00pm (1900) local time on the primary repeater frequency 146.820 with the 442.775 cross-band link with both having an 88.5 pl. In case of repeater shut down for any cause the alternate frequencies are: 147.180 with a 94.8 pl, 146.720 with a 131.8 pl, or 146.46 simplex."

"The Amateur Radio Emergency Service is composed of licensed amateurs who are sincerely interested in public service communications when disaster strikes or whenever communications can be utilized for public service work."

"Are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic? Please call _____ over**"

"I will now go through Roll Call as I have it" (*Roll call furnished by the Net Manager*)

"I will now stand by for all other stations wishing to check into the Berrien County Amateur Radio Emergency Service net. When checking in, please clearly give your call sign, name, location, and whether or not you have any traffic for the net. (Pause for check-ins and write down call signs)"

"This is _____. I acknowledge the following stations" (*read off stations that checked in*)

If no ANC yet from the list of check-ins ask a station to be the Alternate Net Control.

"_____ Can you be my alternate this evening?"

"Any station not able to check in on this repeater may check in on one of the alternate repeater frequencies at this time."

Appoint someone to check the Niles repeater 147.180 _____.

Appoint someone to check the St. Joseph repeater 146.720. _____.

Appoint someone to check the 146.46 simplex. _____.

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"While those stations are checking the alternate frequencies I will stand by for any additional stations wishing to check into the Berrien County Amateur Radio Emergency Service net. This is _____ Net Control."

(*Acknowledge reports from alternate frequencies*)

Take care of any traffic if there is any.

Training (if any)

Emergency Coordinator's Report (if checked in)

Net Manager's Report (if checked in)

Roundtable:

“Any club or organization announcements?” (*BARA, Four Flags, etc*)

“Any other comments, questions, or announcements to come before the net?”

Call next week’s NCS and advise that they will have the net.

“I will make this last call for any stations wishing to check into the Berrien County Amateur Radio Emergency Service net. This is _____ Net Control.”

Acknowledge stations that check in.

Confirm the number of check-ins with the alternate control and advise the EC.

(Count them off the air and then let ANC know your count. If there is a discrepancy in the count, close the net and then go over the list.)

Closing the net

“The Berrien County Amateur Radio Emergency Service net is closed. Normal repeater operation may resume. Thanks to BARA (if using the .82 or .72) for the use of their repeaters. And thanks to the Four Flags Club (if using the .18) for the use of their repeater.”

“This is _____ clear.”

** The use of the word over is optional. Some consider it useful others do not.*

Alternate Frequency Net Preamble:

When entering the alternate frequency please listen to make sure the frequency is not in use.

“This is _____ acting Net Control for the Berrien County Amateur Radio Emergency Service net. Are there any stations wishing to check into this net using the _____ (frequency)? When checking in please clearly state your call sign, name, location and whether you have any traffic for the net. This is _____ acting Net control.”

Pause for check-ins.

Acknowledge check-ins.

“This is _____ returning this frequency back to normal use. Thank you for the use of the repeater.”

Report back to Net Control.