
7.6 CARES Weekly Net Control Procedure

Description: This procedure describes how the weekly CARES Net should be run whenever CARES is in Preparedness Operations.

Op Phase: Preparedness

Participants: Any CARES members could assume the role of NCS. More formal assignments may be made as required.

Before Starting the Net

1. Ensure that the W6TDM repeater is linked to CARES Net frequency. Be sure to ID with your call sign before AND after using control codes. Say “< your call sign >, controlling. “If you are not sure how to do this, ask for help from the EC, AECs, or Repeater Coordinator on the frequency.

Weekly Net Control Script

“Is the frequency in use? This is < you call sign >.” [pause]

“This is < your name >, < your call >, net control for the Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net for Tuesday, < date >.

“Before beginning, is there any emergency traffic for this frequency?” [pause]

“Just a reminder, this net may be broken at any time for emergency traffic.”

“This net meets every Tuesday evening at 1945 hours local time on 147.570 MHz simplex with a of PL 151.4 Hz and is cross-linked with the W6TDM repeater on 440.150MHz with a positive offset and a PL of 100.0 Hz. This net is to conduct the Cupertino ARES roll call and pass traffic of interest about Cupertino and County ARES.”

“We will first take CARES station check-ins, call for any relays, then take Guest check-ins. We will then call for announcements and QSTs.”

“We will take check-ins by call-sign suffix; CARES members wishing to check in, ALPHA through INDIA, please go now.” [pause... Repeat once or twice for member check-ins until no more are heard.]

“Any relays for ALPHA through INDIA?”

“CARES members wishing to check in, JULIETTE through ROMEO, please go now.” [pause]

“Any relays for JULIETTE through ROMEO?”

“CARES members wishing to check in, SIERRA through ZULU, please go now.” [pause]

“Any relays for SIERRA through ZULU?”

“CARES members who tried to check in but were not acknowledged, please announce your call again and say RELAY. Please go now.” [pause, check in any stations heard. If none are heard, ask for relays. Continue calling until no more replies are heard.]

“Guests are also welcome to check in. Guest stations wishing to check in, please go now.” [pause]

“Any Relays?”

“Stations with announcements or QSTs, please IDENTIFY now.” [pause, then call each station with a QST]

When closing the net

“The next CARES meeting will be held Thursday, < date > at 7:30 pm in Conference Room 100 at Cupertino City Hall.”

“Just a reminder: you are invited to listen to the SVECS net on 146.115 with a positive offset and a PL of 100 Hertz, then the training session beginning at 2030 hours local time.”

“Are there any other check-ins or business for the Cupertino ARES Net? Please go now.” [pause, address any business or check-ins, and call again until none are heard]

“If there is no other business, this concludes tonight's Cupertino ARES net. We had ____ check-ins tonight. This is < your name >, < your call >, net control returning the frequency to regular use. Good evening.”

After the Net

1. Monitor the frequency for late check-ins before shifting to the SVECS NET to deliver the count.
2. [Shift to the SVECS net on 146.115 MHz (+) PL=100.0Hz and deliver the total check in count for Cupertino when requested. Monitor the CARES frequency for late check-ins before shifting to the SVECS NET to deliver the count.]
3. Drop the link on the W6TDM repeater to the CARES Net frequency. If you are not sure how to do this, ask for help on the frequency.