

## Cupertino ARK FRS Net Control Script

*Before starting the net, make sure you have a copy of the CERT FRS Net Check-In form available. Feel free to adjust the wording of this script to suit your own style.*

1. Good afternoon. This is name, net control operator for the **ZONE ##** <ark\_name> FRS Net for Saturday, date.
2. This net meets on the forth Saturday of each month at 3:30pm on Channel \_\_\_\_\_ Tone \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The purpose of this net is to hold the CERT FRS roll call for **ARK ZONE ##**, make announcements, and provide training.
4. We will first take **ZONE ##** neighborhood check-ins, call for any relays that you may have heard but I didn't, then take any visitor check-ins who live outside of **ZONE ##**. We will then call for announcements.
5. We will take check-ins by the first letter of your first name. For instance, when I call "A" through "H" (*or Alpha through Hotel*), if your name is Alice or Bob or George, then check in. Everyone else; please wait.
6. As a reminder on how to check in with your FRS radio when you hear the ARK Net Control Operator request for ARK check ins for your name group.
  - a. If needed, wait for the current conversation to end.
  - b. Press the Talk button.
  - c. Wait 1 second (take a breath or say "one thousand one" to yourself) for the radio to switch to transmit mode [*or whatever you think is a good reason...the idea is so that people don't start talking as soon as they press the Talk button*].
  - d. Then, slowly say "This is <your name>. I'm in the <name of your street or area> neighborhood of the <name of the Ark> ARK Zone."
  - e. Release the Talk button.
  - f. The ARK Net Control Operator will acknowledge your check in or ask you to repeat if they didn't hear you clearly.
  - g. That's it! OK, let's get started!
7. Please check in with your 1) first name, 2) Street or Neighborhood name, and 3) ARK Zone or City.
8. **ZONE ##** FRS Users wishing to check in, **A** through **H**, please go now. [*pause*]  
*Write down and acknowledge first names and street/neighborhood names*  
*[Repeat once or twice for member check-ins until no more heard.]*
9. Are there any FRS users that you heard that I did not acknowledge for \_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_?
10. **ZONE ##** FRS Users wishing to check in, **I** through **P**, please go now. [*repeat 8, 9*]
11. **ZONE ##** FRS Users wishing to check in, **Q** through **Z**, please go now. [*repeat 8, 9*]

12. Visitors are also welcome to check in. Visitors outside of **ZONE ##** wishing to check in, please go now with your first name, Street or Neighborhood name, and ARK Zone or City. *[ pause ]*
13. Any visitor relays?
14. Stations with announcements, please identify with only your name now. *[ Then call back station with an announcement ]*
15. *[Optional: Spot radio exercise; See below.]*

### **When closing the net**

16. Are there any other check-ins or business for the **ZONE ##** FRS Net? Please go now.  
*[pause, address any business or check-ins, and call again until none are heard]*
17. If there is nothing else, then this concludes today's **ZONE ##** FRS Net. We had \_\_\_\_\_ check-ins.
18. Thank you for joining the <Ark name> ARK Net today. We appreciate your participation in helping us improve neighborhood radio communications in Cupertino.
19. This is     Your Name    ,     GMRS call sign    , closing the net.

*After the net, please scan or take a picture of your check-in sheet and email it to [kn6pe@arrl.net](mailto:kn6pe@arrl.net).*

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### **Radio Training**

The intent is to give people a chance to talk on the air. While you do not need to do this every month, it does encourage stations to get comfortable with radio operations. Pick one per month. Some ideas are:

1. Call each check-in back and ask for a signal report, such as:
  - a. "Loud and Clear", or
  - b. "Loud and Scratchy", or
  - c. "Weak and Scratchy".

After a station gives you the report, tell them how you heard them.

Also, record the signal reports on the check-in sheet (L/C or L/S or W/S)

2. Call each station back and ask for the number of houses in the neighborhood. If they do not know, ask for an estimate. Record the reports on the check-in sheet.
3. Call each station back and ask if the neighborhood is organized. This could be a good source of discussion. Record the response on the check-in sheet.
4. Call each station back and ask for a simulated problem that they might report such as fire, fallen trees, fallen power lines, power outage, telephone outage, streets blocked so vehicles can't get through, gas leak, water main break, etc. Record the response on the check-in sheet.
5. Discuss how to keep your FRS radio charged so it's ready to use if a disaster should occur.
6. Discuss what to do with your FRS radio if a disaster has occurred.
7. Other ideas?

## CERT FRS Net Check-in Form

<b>1. NCO Name:</b>	<b>2. Organization:</b>	<b>3. Net Location:</b>	
<b>4. Date:</b>	<b>5. Time:</b>		
Name	Street, Neighborhood Name	Zone/ARK	Notes, Comments
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