

Mahoning County ARES

Mahoning County Ohio ARES, Net Control Script

1st and 3rd Monday Evenings of each month

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Good Evening, welcome to the Mahoning County Amateur Radio Emergency Services net. This is <Your Call Sign> <First Name> in <Location>. I will be your net control operator for this evening's ARES net. This is a directed net. All traffic will be directed to and routed through Net Control <Your Call Sign>.

The purpose of this net is for Mahoning County ARES members to test the operation of their equipment and to communicate information regarding upcoming ARES events and training. Properly licensed guest operators are also invited to check into our net.

If you have emergency traffic during this net please call "break" and give your call sign and we will immediately handle your emergency traffic accordingly. Break for time.

At this time I'd like to remind all operators about our [ARES repeater failure protocol](#). If the repeater we are using for any ARES communications should fail, we will continue simplex operations on the frequency of the repeater output, which is 146.745 MHz. <adjust for different repeaters>. I'd also like to ask for a volunteer to act as backup net control operator. Duties are simple, log the check-ins to this net and step in should my equipment fail. Who would like to volunteer to backup net control this evening? Please go now.

Just a reminder, Mahoning County ARES also has Winlink net exercises. Information on Winlink training is on our ARES Website at mahoning-ares.org. If you'd like to be included in our Winlink training group, email us at mahoning.ares@gmail.com. Our bi-weekly ARES Winlink checkin is open this evening. Send your Winlink check in form to MCARESOH sometime tonight or tomorrow.

Tonight's ARES voice net will now be open for general check-ins. Remember to allow a 2-3 second break between all transmissions. Please check in with only your call sign, without phonetics. You may also indicate "with traffic" if you have traffic for the net. Net control will acknowledge each operator before continuing. *[Net control should acknowledge by repeating EACH call sign. You may ask for name and location for unknown stations]* First station, please check in with your call sign now. *[Net control should gently remind about pauses when required.]*

[- 1.) Acknowledge each check-in by repeating the call sign and acknowledge requests to pass traffic. Thank each caller for checking in. EXAMPLE: KE8ABC, thanks for checking in. I have you down for traffic. Next check-in please.]

[- 2.) When it is apparent the majority of stations have checked in to the net, allow stations with information to present their traffic in the order they contacted Net Control.

[- 3) Once all callers have completed their information traffic, make a last call for additional information.]

This is <Your Call Sign>, Net Control for the Mahoning County A.R.E.S. net. Any other stations wishing to check in, please give your call sign now.

[- 4) Ask if there are any questions related to information presented earlier in the net. If nothing is heard, close the net with the script below]

There were <Number> amateur operators that checked into the Mahoning County A.R.E.S. net this evening. If you would like more information about Mahoning County A.R.E.S. please contact us by e-mail at mahoning.ares@gmail.com or visit our website at mahoning-ares.org

All licensed amateur operators are invited to join our ARES nets on the first and third Monday evenings of every month at 8:30 PM on the W8QLY repeater at 146.745 MHz with a PL tone of 110.9. Also remember to check out the ARES bi-weekly Winlink exercise by visiting the mahoning-ares.org website.

[Remind of any upcoming scheduled events as necessary.]

This net is now closed at <Time> local time. This is <Call Sign> <First Name> Net Control thanking you for your interest in emergency communications and your involvement in Mahoning County ARES. We also thank the Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association for allowing the use of their repeater. Stay tuned for the MVARA's Good News and Information net beginning shortly at 9 pm followed immediately by the AR Newline. The frequency is now returned to normal amateur use. Thank you for your participation, 73...and good evening.

REMEMBER

As soon as possible enter the Net information into the Mahoning County ARES site form at:

<http://www.mahoning-ares.org/> It's on the left side, under MC ARES Nets

Thanks for all your help and if you have any suggestions, please let us know.