

SUFFOLK COUNTY A.R.E.S./R.A.C.E.S. NET PROCEDURE

The net procedure that follows is just a guide to follow.
The actual net procedure is up to the needs of the net control station and should be modified as needed.

NET INTRODUCTION PROCEDURE -

CQ, CQ, CQ, All Amateur Radio Operators.

Calling together the Suffolk County ARES \ RACES Net.

This is (your call & position).

I will be your net control station for this session of the Suffolk County ARES \ RACES Net for (date).

This net meets on Monday evenings at 2100 hours local time through the facilities of the Grumman Amateur Radio Club's repeater WA2LQO.

The purpose of this net is to relay information that is of interest to amateur radio operators who assist with emergency communications within and around Suffolk County, and assist in the training of local amateur radio operators to handle emergency communications.

We welcome and encourage all amateur operators to check into this net even if you are not a member of ARES or RACES.

Please remember that this is a directed net.

Please do not break into the net without direction from net control. If you do have an emergency during the net please state the word "emergency" followed by your call and the frequency will be turned over to you for the duration of the emergency.

If you have information for the net please use the word "info" followed by your call.

If you have a question for the net please use the word "query" followed by your call.

When checking into this net please use the hesitation method. The procedure is as follows: say "THIS IS ...". Release your push to talk switch to see if you are doubling with anyone. If you do not hear anyone else talking then proceed to give your callsign phonetically, using the Standard ITU phonetic alphabet, your name and location, RACES ID number, and any position you hold within the emergency operations structure.

Also state if you have any information dealing with emergency communications for the net, then stand by and wait for net control to acknowledge you before doing anything else within the net.

Please do not leave this net unless you first inform net control and receive permission to do so.

I will now stand by for anyone with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY TRAFFIC ONLY.

I repeat I will take stations with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY TRAFFIC ONLY at this time.

(PAUSE FOR REPEATER CARRIER TO DROP. IF NO TRAFFIC THEN PROCEED.)

I will now stand by for the regular net check-in by townships. Please remember to give your call slowly and phonetically along with your name, location, RACES number, and position for the benefit of everyone else in the net. Also please remember to state if you have anything for the net.

Order of check-ins:

Division 1 Babylon

Division 2 Huntington

Division 3 Islip

Division 4 Smithtown

Division 5 Brookhaven

Division 6 Riverhead

Division 7 Southampton

Division 8 Southold

Division 9 East Hampton

Division 10 Shelter Island

Stations outside of Suffolk County

(ACKNOWLEDGE ALL STATIONS THAT CHECK INTO NET. STOP THE NET AND ASK THE

NET TO STAND BY WHEN YOU NEED TO, SO YOU CAN WRITE DOWN EVERYONE CHECKING

IN. WHEN NO FURTHER STATIONS CHECK INTO THE NET THEN PROCEED WITH THE

NET. REMEMBER TO ASK FOR NEW CHECK-INS OR IF ANYONE HAS ANYTHING FOR THE

NET EVERY FEW MINUTES [APPROX. 5 - 10]).

NET OPERATION PROCEDURE -

LIST ANY BULLETINS OR PRIORITY MESSAGES YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR THE NET.

POLL EC'S OF EACH TOWNSHIP TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY INFORMATION FOR NET.

LIST ANY CURRENT AND ADDITIONAL ARES/RACES INFORMATION FOR THE NET YOU

MIGHT HAVE.

HAVE EACH INDIVIDUAL STATION THAT STATED THEY INFO FOR THE NET LIST WHAT

THEY HAVE AND PASS IT.

HANDLE ANY EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION TO BE COVERED DURING THIS NET.

**** REMEMBER TO HAVE A PAUSE TO SEE ANYONE THAT COMES INTO THE NET LATE**

WISHES TO CHECK-IN.

NET CONCLUSION PROCEDURE -

(CALL FOR ANY FINAL STATIONS WISHING TO CHECK INTO THE NET AND CHECK TO

SEE IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

IF THERE IS NO FURTHER ACTIVITY PROCEED TO CLOSE THE NET.

This is (YOUR CALL & POSITION) and net control station for this session of the Suffolk County ARES \ RACES Net thanking all of the stations that checked in today for participating and supporting the net. I also want to thank those stations that did not check in for standing down while the net was in operation. Your help in maintaining this net is greatly appreciated by one and all.

The Suffolk County Amateur Radio Emergency Services wishes to again thank the Grumman ARC for the use of their repeater for the operation of this net.

All stations may now secure.

This net is now secured at _____ local time.

This is (YOUR CALL) returning the repeater to its normal amateur operation.