

SCARES

Shelby County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Emergency Net Script

Active / Directed Status

- Always start an Emergency Net in **Active** status.
- Start the net when the EMA issues an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation **or**
- Upon personal knowledge of an incident which in your opinion requires opening a net in **Active** status.

I. Place the net in ACTIVE STATUS by announcing:

Attention all stations, this is [call sign] activating the Shelby County ARES Emergency Net in **active** status. [Give reason for activation as described in the EOC Activation request, or from the personal knowledge of the amateur radio operator activating the net.] The Net Control Station will direct all traffic on this net. Only stations with information related to the incident in question should break into this net. In case of repeater failure, this net will move to our alternate repeater at 147-point-320 MHz, with a PL tone of 88.5. This is [call sign], Net Control Station.

II. Call for:

- Emergency Traffic
- Priority Traffic
- Do not take check-ins when in Active status! See note below on situational awareness of the NCS.

III. Call for backup and liaison stations (at the discretion of the NCS, note on Emergency Net Station Log):

- Is there an alternate Net Control Station on frequency (note on Emergency Net Station Log)?
- Are there any served agencies on frequency (note on Emergency Net Station Log)?
- Are there any liaison stations to other nets or the National Weather Service on frequency (note on Emergency Net Station Log)?

IV. Continuity (every 10 minutes, or as needed):

- The Shelby County ARES Emergency Net is in **active** status for [give reason for activation as described at the top of this page].
- Do we have any stations with Emergency or Priority Traffic?
- This is a directed net. In case of repeater failure, we will move to our alternate repeater at 147-point-320 MHz, with a PL tone of 88.5. Please keep your transmissions brief and on point. This is [call sign], Net Control Station.

Remain in **Active Status** until given permission to secure by the Shelby County EMA. If shelters are open, an **active** net will probably be needed.

Note: The situational awareness of the Net Control Station is critical. It is up to the NCS to keep the frequency clear of "chatter". You are not there to give details of the incident, or to allow others to give them (unless requested by a served agency or emergency responder), you are there to receive and/or pass information to and from our served agencies and emergency responders, as well as Emergency and Priority traffic. It's OK to get firm with a station if they repeatedly break the net for no good reason.

Standby Status

- The NCS may go to **Standby** status with the permission of the Shelby County EMA or
- If, in the NCSs opinion, a net is still needed and traffic is light enough to warrant **standby** status.

I. Place the net in STANDBY STATUS by announcing:

Attention all stations, this is **[call sign]** placing the Shelby County ARES Emergency Net into **standby** status **[give reason for going to Standby status as described at the top of this page]**. Normal activity on this repeater is allowed; however, stations should keep transmissions short, and leave longer than usual pauses between transmissions to allow for break-ins for incident-related traffic. In case of repeater failure, this net will move to our alternate repeater at 147-point-320 MHz, with a PL tone of 88.5.

II. Call for:

- Emergency Traffic
- Priority Traffic

III. Check-ins (these are at the discretion of the NCS, note check-ins on Emergency Net Station Log):

- I will now take check-ins. Please give your call sign using Standard ITU Phonetics, your name, and your location. If mobile, please state your location and direction of travel.
- Begin with mobile or portable stations
- All other stations

IV. Continuity (every 10 minutes, or as needed):

- The Shelby County ARES Emergency Net is in **standby** status for **[give reason for going to Standby status as described at the top of this page]**
- Do we have any stations with Emergency Traffic?
- Do we have any stations with Priority Traffic?
- Does anyone wish to check in to the net?
- Normal activity on this repeater is allowed; however, stations should keep transmissions short and leave longer than usual pauses between transmissions to allow for break-ins for incident-related traffic. In case of repeater failure, this net will move to our alternate repeater at 147-point-320 MHz, with a PL tone of 88.5. This is **[call sign]**, Net Control Station.

Securing the Net

- Secure the net when given permission to do so by the Shelby County EMA, and
- There is no more need for a formal net to handle emergency/priority traffic, incident reports, or to provide support to shelters

This is **[call sign]**, Net Control Station for the Shelby County ARES Emergency Net. I would like to thank all stations for their participation in this net. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please join the Shelby County ARES Training Net each Tuesday night at 8:00pm local time on the 146-point-980 MHz repeater. Information about the Shelby County Amateur Radio Club can be found on their web site at www.w4shl.com. Information about Shelby County ARES can be found on their web site at www.sc-ares.org. The Shelby County Emergency Net is now secured. This frequency is returned to normal operation. This is **[call sign]**, clear.