Appendix B

Davidson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service
Net Control instructions and Preamble (Last Updated – 7/1/2024 by W4WWF)

***During the Net:
BE SURE TO GIVE YOUR NAME AND CALL SIGN AT LEAST EVERY 10 MINUTES.
Be sure to check in with your assigned Sector.***

"Attention all stations on frequency, this is (*first name*), (*call sign*) opening the Davidson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Weekly Net. This is a directed net and anyone not participating in the net is asked to please standby until the net has closed. First, are there any stations with Emergency or NTS traffic?"
(pause)

"Davidson County ARES is open to all amateur radio operators. Those wishing to participate should obtain an application from our website, from the Davidson County Emergency Coordinator, or any Assistant Emergency Coordinator. Please see our website at **www.dcares.com**"

"Davidson County ARES members are expected to check into this net regularly, and are also encouraged to periodically assist as net control, alternate net control, or sector liaison to develop and maintain their net operation skills. Visitor check-ins will be taken after the member roll call."

"We will take ARES check-ins by sector. When your sector is called, please respond with your call sign and wait to be identified by your sector liaison. If you are a trained Skywarn Spotter, please state "Skywarn" during your check-in. Even if you are assisting with tonight's net, remember to check in with your assigned sector as well."

"The Davidson County ARES support sector consists of the Davidson County Emergency Coordinator, Davidson County Assistant Emergency Coordinators, and our repeater owners and technicians."

"I will now ask the support sector to check in, call sign only."
(Refer to Roster. Take and record check-ins from Support Sector. After check-ins, continue below.)

"At this time, we recognize our scheduled Alternate Net Control for this evening. (_____) are you available to act as Alternate Net Control?"

(Pause, take Alternate Net Control check-in. If designated Alternate Net Control does not respond, call for a volunteer.)

Thank you for your help as Alternate Net Control tonight.
(pause)

Are there any other announcements or bulletins for the net?
(Pause. Recognize stations with announcements,)

 "We now ask the sector liaisons that will be assisting with tonight's net to check in.
(_____) are you available to act as EAST Sector Liaison tonight?
(Pause for check-in. If designated Sector Liaison does not respond, call for a volunteer.)

(_____) are you available to act as WEST Sector Liaison tonight?"
(Pause for check-in. If designated Sector Liaison does not respond, call for a volunteer.)

 "Thank you both for your help as sector liaisons tonight.
We will begin the member check-ins this evening with the _____Sector"
(Pick East OR West Sector) (feel free to <u>randomly rotate order</u> of sections)

"East Sector" ****(Recognize Liaison)****

"West Sector" ****(Recognize Liaison)****

(After sector check-ins are completed:)

"Visitors please check-in now with your call sign only. I'll come back to get your name and location…"
Pause for visitor check-in(s). Record call sign(s) and respond individually:

"(call sign) What is your name and location please?"

"We will now take late check-ins for the net for members who were not able to check in with their sector. Please respond with your sector first followed by your call sign."
Pause, take late check-in(s)

"Is there any further traffic for the net?"
(pause)

(Net Closing)*
"Our Monday Night Nets are held at 7:00PM here on the **442.750** repeater (**Tone 100.00**). Davidson County SKYWARN nets are also held on 442.750 repeater**.** If there is a problem, we will automatically go to the **Backup** on the **146.670** repeater. Our **simplex frequency** for emergencies is **146.550** and that frequency may also be used for training exercises. We thank the repeater owners and technicians for their hard work and dedication to the amateur community. We also thank all those who checked in, and all of those who stood by making this net possible. This is (*first name*), (*call sign*) returning the repeater back to normal Amateur use. Thank you and good night."

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*** *After the net, please compare totals with your Alternate Net Control and any members of the Support Sector that are available to assist.*

Record the totals for:
*(1) Total check-ins (ARES Member check-ins **plus** Visitors), and*
(2) ARES Member check-ins, and be sure at least one member of the Support Sector has the totals.

For example:
Total Check-ins = 45 (includes 3 visitors for this example)
ARES Members = 42

These numbers will be reported to the designated DEC Liaison.
Contact the any of the Support Sector Members (below) for advice or assistance at any time.
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THANKS for your valuable service!