

Metro Atlanta District Net Preamble – May 2013

“CQ, CQ, CQ, Calling the Metro Atlanta Monthly ARES Net. This is (*callsign*) my name is (*your name*), your net control operator this afternoon. This net meets on the first Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM local time, for the purpose of informing the Metro Atlanta ARES District of activities of interest to ARES members and to encourage participation in the ARES organization. Emergency traffic will be handled with top priority during this net. Is there any emergency traffic that needs to be passed at this time?” (*Pause for emergency traffic*)

“Emergency traffic will be taken at any time during the net and handled immediately. When checking in please state if you have an announcement or a comment for the net. Announcements or comments will be heard following all check-ins. If you have a program for the net, please notify net control when checking in”. (*Pause and let the repeater timer re-cycle*)

“The NCS each month is one of the County EC’s, AEC’s or another person appointed to call the net. Each Metro Atlanta County is requested to call the net at least once a year. The NCS schedule is handled by Jim, WB4NWS, the District Emergency Coordinator for Metro Atlanta. (*Pause and let the repeater timer re-cycle*)

“I will now call for check-ins from local ARRL and ARES Section Officers.

Do we have any local ARRL or ARES Section Officers wishing to check into the net?”
(*Acknowledge those checking in, then ask for them one more time*)
(*If no further, proceed*)

“I will now call for check-ins from local District Emergency Coordinators and Assistant DEC

Do we have any local DEC’s or ADEC’s wishing to check into the net?”
(*Acknowledge those checking in, then ask for them one more time, If no further, proceed*)

(*remember to identify every ten minutes - use something like: This is (*callsign*) with the Metro Atlanta Monthly ARES Net*)

“I will now call for the EC’s & AEC’s of the following counties; please call when your county is called. AEC’s please call after giving your EC time to respond.” EC’s and AEC only please call now. (*Call the EC by name and callsign, but just call for AEC’s after the EC has had a chance to check in*)

Butts County – Buzz, K3GWK
Cherokee County – Juan, WW4WX
Clayton/Henry County – Roy, AJ4GT
Cobb County – Ed, N5RCK
DeKalb County – George, AI4UR
Paulding County – Dave, K4DMF
Fayette/Coweta County – David, AG4ZR
North Fulton County – Tom, W4UOC
South Fulton County – Chris, KS4MM
Gwinnett County – Hal, W4IGE
Newton County – Charles, WA4UJC
Rockdale County – Jeff, WN4JC
Spalding County – Charles NQ3I

(*acknowledge each EC and AEC*)

“I will now take General Check-ins from the following Metro Atlanta Counties.” Please check in when your County is called”. (*List and read by county, one county at a time*)

Butts County
Cherokee County
Clayton/Henry County
Cobb County
DeKalb County
Paulding County
Fayette/Coweta County
North Fulton County
South Fulton County
Gwinnett County
Newton County
Rockdale County
Spalding County

‘We will now take check-ins from any county: Please call net control now.’
(*acknowledge each check in*)

“We will now move to the Announcements and Comments section of the net.”
(*Let those having announcements or comments make them*)

(*Present program speaker if there is one*)
(*Ask for late check-ins*)

“We will now close the net at (*time*). This is (*callsign*) returning the frequency to normal amateur use.”

After the NET

Be sure to file a net report with the DEC for Metro Atlanta that includes the time the net started, the number of check-ins, along with the list of who checked in by callsign, a count of traffic handled by precedence, and the time the net ended. This is important for participation statistics.

2013 NCS Schedule

January - South Fulton County
February - Gwinnett County
March - Rockdale County
April - Clayton/Henry County
May - Paulding County
June - DeKalb County
July - Cherokee County
August - Coweta/Fayette County
September - Cobb County
October - Newton County
November - North Fulton County
December - DEC or ADEC-Metro