Script for the Training Net

Below is the script to use when calling the weekly net. Notes just for the control operator that are not to be read on air are in blue. Notes in red spell phonetically. Don't forget to identify yourself and your station every 10 minutes! At 2 minutes before the net begins:

This is (Call Sign). We'll begin the Shelby County ARES net in two minutes. At this time, I need two stations to go off frequency and verify the operational status of the 147-point-32 MHz repeater. Please call now.

…take calls…

Thank you _____ and _____, you are on the log. As soon as you've checked the repeater, return to this frequency and make your report. Net Control standing by. …await report…

Calling all amateur radio operators. The Shelby County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Training Net is now being activated for our weekly session. This net operates according to the guidelines of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), and is affiliated with the National Traffic System.

Are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic? Please call now. …Handle emergency and priority traffic, if any…

This is an open net and all licensed stations are welcome to join this training session. This is _____(call sign). My name is _____ (name), and I am your net control station. Please note that the repeater used for this net, 146.980 MHz, requires a PL tone of 88.5 for use. In the event of repeater failure, the net will move to the 147-point-320 MHz repeater, also with a PL tone of 88.5.

Is there a station with net control experience who can serve as alternate net control if your Net Control Station is unable to continue? Please call now. …pause for reply, "Nothing heard" or …

Thank you _____; you are the alternate net control station. Please record all traffic and check-ins during the net. You are checked in to the net. So far on the log we have…give count or list call signs.

This is a directed net, all stations must go through net control. When you check in, let me know if you are short-time, have traffic or an announcement. Please indicate this when you check in. We will handle routine traffic and announcements following check-ins.

We will take check-ins by county. When your county is called, please give your call sign slowly and phonetically using the ITU Standard Phonetic Alphabet.

Calling all stations in Shelby County; please check in now.
…Record and acknowledge all stations that check in…

Calling all stations in Jefferson County; please check in now.
…Record and acknowledge all stations that check in…

Calling all stations outside Shelby and Jefferson counties. Please check in now and identify the county you are in.
…Record and acknowledge all stations that check-in…

I'll take additional check-ins just before the close of this net. If you have NTS traffic, bulletins, announcements, or swap shop items that have not yet been listed, please call now.
…Acknowledge the stations, then handle in this order: NTS Traffic; Bulletins; Announcements; Swap Shop items…

Announcement: The following exam opportunities are available:

The ARA Group offers testing on the second Sunday of every month at 2PM. On odd numbered months at the Alabama Historical Radio Society located at 759 18th St. North in Birmingham. Masks are required. On even numbered months at Riverchase Community Church located at 2053 Old Montgomery Highway in Hoover. Visit the website aragroup.org for complete details.

Laurel VEC testing is available on the first Saturday of every month at 2PM at the Columbiana Church of the Nazarene located at 20200 AL Hwy 25 in Columbiana.

Additional Laurel testing is available on the third Saturday of every month at 1PM at the Helena Community Center located at 110 Sports Complex way in Helena. For complete Laurel VEC information visit the website www.laurelvec.com .

This ARES Training net is supported by the Shelby County Amateur Radio Club. The club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6PM and lasting till about 7:30PM. Our meeting location is the Hoover Scout Building behind the Oakmont Chapel Presbyterian Church at 1817 Patton Chapel Road in Hoover. We are continuing to search for a meeting location in Shelby County, if you have any leads please contact a Club Officer. Our meeting is available via Zoom. Please sign up for the club newsletter at W4SHL.com web site to receive details or join our Slack page to stay up to date on all of our activities. Meetings are open to everyone. Following the meeting a number of the group go out to dinner. Please be aware you are responsible for the cost of your own meal.

…The following content is optional, and may be omitted if the net is running long..
Other local nets include:

- Following this net tonight at 8:30PM is a DSTAR net on 58-Bravo.
- Also tonight at 9PM, the BARC Emergency Training Net is on the 146 point 88 MHz repeater with a PL tone of 88.5.
- On Sunday nights at 7PM the BARC Sunday net is held, also on the 146 point 88 MHz Repeater.
- Followed by the Central Alabama Simplex Net every Sunday at 7:30pm on 146.580 MHz simplex frequency.
- (The Health Care Community Amateur Radio Club Training Open Net on the first Monday of each month has been cancelled.)

…End of optional content…

Final call, are there any additional stations wishing to check in, or stations with announcements? Please call now.
…Record and acknowledge all stations that check-in…

Thank you for participating in tonight's net. This session of the Shelby County ARES Training Net is now secured. Please join us again next Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. This frequency is returned to normal operation. This is _____ (call sign), 73 everybody.
…End of net…

Handling NTS Traffic

If someone has NTS traffic and you are unable to find a station on frequency to accept it, request that the sender hold the traffic, and list it on the BARC Training Net, 146.880 MHz, with a PL tone of 88.5, Tuesdays at 9:00pm. NTS traffic may also be listed with other daily nets. For more information on traffic handling, see FSD-218 on the ARRL Web Site.