

East Thurston County ARES Net Preamble

7PM Local - Sunday

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This is [*your name / your call sign*], your net-control for this evening's East Thurston County ARES net. This net meets here on 146.550 MHz simplex each Sunday evening at 1900 hours local time.

This net will yield the frequency at any time for emergency or priority traffic.

[*Leave a short break/pause here. If you haven't been monitoring the frequency prior to net begin, you may want to ask for emergency/priority traffic, and check for relays at this point.*]

The purpose of this net is to confirm that our radios are functioning properly and to practice participation in a directed net using a simplex frequency. Stations participating in this net are encouraged to operate their stations using emergency power.

We'll start with a roll-call of active roster members, followed by a call for non-roster members and visitor check-ins. After check-ins we'll handle announcements and traffic of interest to the net members and visitors. Please remain on frequency until the net is closed so that you don't miss the announcements or any traffic directed at your station.

If you hear a weak station that is not being heard and acknowledged by net control, please transmit the word "relay" at the earliest opportunity and wait for net control to acknowledge you and allow you to relay the weak station's traffic.

The roll-call of active roster members follows, and is sorted by call sign suffix. When checking in, please indicate to net control whether you are operating on commercial or emergency power.

[*roll-call check-in of ARES members using separate check-in sheet*]

This concludes our active roster member roll-call check-in. This is [*your call sign*], net-control for the East Thurston County ARES net. We will now take non-roster member and visitor check-ins to the net. Please give your call sign, name, and location SLOWLY so net control can get you checked in.

[*handle non-roster member & visitor check-ins*]

This concludes our check-in portion of the net.

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Before we open the net for general ARES-related announcements and traffic, here are a couple of standing announcements:

1. Our East Thurston County ARES team falls under ARRL's Western Washington Section District 5. Members of our team are encouraged to check-in to the weekly District 5 net held on the Grass Mountain repeater each Tuesday evening at 19:00 local time.
2. East Thurston County ARES members are reminded to check their Winlink e-mail account daily for announcements, e-mail discussions and other team business.

Now, let's move on to general ARES-related announcements and traffic.

Your EC has [the following traffic / no traffic] for the group:

[deliver EC announcements/traffic for the net]

If any station has an announcement or other traffic that relates to ARES and this East Thurston County ARES net, please come now with your call sign and wait until you are recognized by net control. Do we have any stations with announcements or traffic for the net?

[handle announcements/traffic for the net]

This concludes this session of the weekly East Thurston County ARES net. We thank each of you for your check-in and participation in this net. This is [your call sign], net-control closing the net at [current 24-hour local time]. 73 to all!

For reference:

- The Grass Mountain repeater can be found on 145.370 MHz with a standard minus offset and PL tone of 136.5 Hz.
- The Yelm repeater can be found on 440.200 MHz with a standard positive offset and PL tone of 100 Hz.