

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA ARES WEEKLY NET SCRIPT



Helpful Tips: Professional radio announcers are known for their clear and strong voices. They speak from the front of their mouth. As you read the script into your radio microphone, hold the mic at a fixed, 2 inch distance from your mouth and then turn the mic sideways so you are speaking across the mic and not directly into it. This will reduce the harsh peaks and pops that are sometimes heard when operators “swallow the mic”. When you do start reading the script, read it slowly, clearly, and deliberately so you will be well understood. You will need something to write down call-signs with.

VERY IMPORTANT: Remember to give your call sign at least once every 10 minutes during the net. This is an FCC rule, but it also helps attendees know who you are!

Here is the script: (Comments and directions are given in RED. Don't say these over the air)

CQ CQ CQ

Stand by for the net. (5 Second Pause)

This is the Nassau County Amateur Radio Service net on the W4NAS Repeater system located in Nassau County, Florida. This is a controlled net and I will be net control for tonight, my name is **(Give your first name and Call Sign)**

If there is any emergency or priority traffic please go now. **(5 Second Pause)**

Nothing heard. *(if anyone has emergency or priority traffic, allow them to pass the traffic and ensure that it is relayed or handled properly and promptly before continuing with the net)*

This net is held every Thursday night at 1930 on 147.000 mhz with a negative offset and a tone of 127.3. The back-up frequency for this net is 146.835 with a negative offset and a tone of 127.3. In the event of a repeater failure or malfunction please switch to the back-up frequency for roll-call. This is a linked repeater system, with several remote sites therefore when transmitting please key your microphone for one second before speaking to ensure that the beginning of your transmission is not cut-off.

I will now call for the Nassau County Emergency Coordinator to check-in. **(5 Second Pause for the EC to check-in)**

I will now call for any Nassau County Assistant Emergency Coordinators wishing to check in. **(5 Second Pause for AECs to check in)**

I will now call for any Crown District Emergency Coordinators or Crown District Assistant Emergency Coordinators to check in **(5 Second Pause for Crown District EC's and AEC's to check in)**

I will now call for any Emergency Coordinators or Assistant Emergency Coordinators from counties other than Nassau wishing to check in. **(5 Second Pause for EC's and AEC's to check in)**

Does the Emergency Coordinator or any Assistant Emergency Coordinator have any announcements or traffic for the net? **(5 Second Pause for EC's and AEC's to give their suffix or callsign; Allow for the EC and AEC's to provide information to the group prior to the beginning of regular check-ins)**

I will now take regular check-ins for the net. All licensed amateur radio operators are encouraged to check-in. You are not required to be a part of the ARES organization to participate in this net. For the Initial check-in of this net, you are authorized to use your call sign suffix instead of your complete call sign.

Please give your call sign suffix when you check in. I will return to you after roll call for any comments and traffic. When your suffix group is called, please check-in in groups of 3-4 at a time, I will acknowledge your group and continue through the entire alphabet.

(You need to write down each suffix as it is given over the air. Don't be afraid to ask for multiple repeats if you didn't catch it. Also don't hesitate to reach out to other attendees and ask them if they copied a call sign you did not understand)

We will start with any call sign suffix between Alpha through Foxtrot. Please come now. (5 second pause and repeat each suffix after 3 or 4 are given so the operator knows they are checked -in)

Next we will take check-ins with a Golf through Lima suffix (5 second pause and repeat each suffix after 3 or 4 are given so the operator knows they are checked -in)

Next we will take check-ins with a Mike through Romeo suffix (5 second pause and repeat each suffix after 3 or 4 are given so the operator knows they are checked -in)

Next we will take check-ins with a Sierra through Zulu suffix (5 second pause and repeat each suffix after 3 or 4 are given so the operator knows they are checked -in)

And finally, we will take any check-ins via Echolink. I will pause 10 seconds for them to check-in now (Full 10 second and repeat each suffix after 3 or 4 are given so the operator knows they are checked -in)

We will now return to each check-in for comments and traffic. Please give your name, full call sign, location, radio transmit power and antenna height. If you have comments or traffic please give them as well.

Begin back at the top with the EC and then AEC's then regular check-ins in order (Read each call-sign suffix and pause 5 seconds for them to respond. It is ok to talk with them about their comments or to ask the attendees if they have any questions when important traffic is given. Thank the operator for checking in and allow them to clear with their call-sign before moving on to the next suffix)

(After comments and traffic from each check-in you finish the net as follows)

This is (Give your Call-Sign) for the Nassau County Emergency Service Net on the W4NAS Repeater system located in Nassau County Florida.

Do we have any last minute check-ins for the net? (5 second pause for check-ins. Complete their check-in by taking comments and traffic and allowing them to clear with their call-sign)

This concludes tonight's net; As a reminder, this net meets every Thursday at 1930 on the W4NAS 147.000 mhz repeater system. The Nassau County Amateur Radio Service meets in-person at the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center on the second Tuesday of each month, or as posted on our website, www.ncfares.org, please log-in for details.

I am now returning the repeater to normal amateur use.

(Give your Call-Sign) clear.