

CTARES – REGION 2
Weekly READY NET Script
(Updated 07/09/2015)

INTRODUCTION:

The key to running this Net is to keep it moving, not speaking too fast, and allowing decent length pauses for folks to check-in during their called Zone Check-in Window.

Remember: THE LINKING DELAY.

As the Net Control Station (NCS) operator, it so easy to forget about the TIME it takes to LINK the REPEATER each time the microphone button is engaged and the necessity to wait and occasionally let the repeaters RESET their timers.

To combat this tendency you may find the technique of incorporating a mechanical delay at your end helpful.

Start with the handheld microphone down on the table.

To Speak:

1) Pick up the Mic.- Push the PTT button - Slowly raise the microphone to your mouth – Then, start talking.

2) When finished: Release the PTT button... and put the microphone back down on the table.

Another way, if able, is to put both repeaters on your radio's dual display (VFO A / VFO B) and watch for the Killingworth .29 repeater fire up after you bring up the Woodbridge 442.500 repeater, and then start speaking.

STARTING THE NET

Option 1

"Is this frequency in Use ?"

(Pause)

If nothing is heard, say: "Nothing heard"... and continue. Otherwise, release the frequency to the station responding with this comment:

“The CT Region 2 ARES Emergency Net will start, following current traffic on this frequency.”

Option 2

If monitoring both Frequencies for the previous 2 minutes and there is no activity, then start the Net.

BEGIN

“Calling the Connecticut, Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Region 2, Emergency Readiness Net.

Calling the Connecticut ARES Region 2 Ready Net.

This is _____(your Callsign), _____(add ARES Title, if any).

My name is _____ (your name), and I am located in _____ (Town)

Are there any stations with "EMERGENCY" or "PRIORITY" Traffic?
Please call now.

Nothing Heard (*if no response*) - otherwise handle the call appropriately.

This Net meets every Monday evening at 7:45 PM Eastern, currently on the linked Woodbridge and Killingworth repeaters for the purpose of:

- Passing Emergency and Priority Traffic
- Establishing communications with all 30 towns in Region 2 on a weekly basis; and
- Sharing ARES related announcements

This is a DIRECTED NET.

All amateurs with an interest in, or information for, this net are welcome to Check-In.

Please note that with a linked repeater system, there is a delay between you getting the repeaters linked together each time a microphone button is depressed.

Therefore, when checking into the net:

- Key your microphone,
- Wait one moment for the repeaters make the connection.
- Then start speaking and Do NOT pause or release the PTT button until finished with your full transmission.

Please speak S-L-O-W-L-Y, and give:

- Your Callsign phonetically
- Your first name,
- Your location,
- Power source: "Commercial", "Battery", "Generator"
- State: "Traffic" or "No Traffic"
- And wait to be recognized.

If I miss you, or have your information wrong, please check-in again, so you are correctly listed in the Log.

- First, I will take check-ins by each of the SEVEN ZONES in Region 2.
- Next, I will take check-ins from Stations from Outside Region 2 and additional stations.
- Finally, I will pause for Echo-Link check-ins.

BREAK

(*release the PTT button, and let the repeaters reset*)

Calling the Connecticut ARES Region 2 "Ready Net".

This is _____(your Callsign)

I'll now take all check-ins from stations in **Zone West 1**

Zone West 1 includes:

Bethany, Woodbridge, Seymour, Ansonia, Derby, and Shelton.
Stations in Zone West 1, Please come now."

- Additional Stations from Zone West 1, call now.

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**Next is Zone West 2**

**Zone West 2** includes: Milford, Orange, West Haven.  
Stations in Zone West 2: Your callsigns, please.

- Other Stations from Zone West 2, call now.

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**Now onto the CENTRAL AREA**

**Zone Central 1** includes:

Cheshire, Meriden, Middlefield, Durham, and Wallingford.  
Stations in Zone Central 1, please come now.

- Additional Stations from Zone Central 1, call now.

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Zone Central 2

Zone Central 2 includes: New Haven, East Haven, North Haven, and Hamden.
Your callsigns, please.

- Other Stations from Zone Central 2, call now.

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**Next is Zone Central 3**

Zone Central 3 includes: Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison  
Stations in these towns check in now.

- Additional Stations from Zone Central 3, call now.

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**Moving now to the EAST AREA:**

**Zone East 1** includes: Haddam, Chester, Deep River, and Killingworth.  
Stations in Zone East 1, your callsigns please.

- Other Stations from Zone East 1, call now.

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Zone East 2 includes: Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, and Essex.

Zone East 2: Your callsigns, please

- Additional Stations from Zone East 2, call now.

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I will now take Stations outside of the Region 2 and Additional Stations

Your callsigns now, please.

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I will now pause for Stations using EchoLink

Stations using EchoLink, please call now. (wait 20 seconds before moving on)

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Handle the TRAFFIC

Now request stations with TRAFFIC to LIST their TRAFFIC

e.g. "K1QEX, please list your Traffic"

Direct listed TRAFFIC as appropriate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Are there any ARES related Announcements for the Net?"

Please call now."

OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE NET ?

Your callsigns, please.

Thank you all for checking-in to tonight's Net. We will see you here again next week.

Please encourage other hams you know in Region 2 to join us here every Monday night.

I'd like to also thank the owners, operators and the trustees of the repeaters for the use of their equipment and making this Net possible.

This is _____(your Callsign) closing the Net @ _____(Eastern Time).

Please wait a moment while the Repeaters are unlinked and returned to regular Amateur Radio use.

Good night."