

East Thurston County ARES Net Preamble

7PM Local - Sunday

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Good evening. This is [*your name / your call sign*], your net-control for this evening's East Thurston County ARES net. This net meets here on District 5 channel PC-32d each Sunday evening at 19:00 hours local time. District 5 channel PC-32d translates to 146.550 MHz simplex with a tone of 103.5 Hz.

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 analog 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 members, followed by a call for missed members and visitor check-ins. After check-ins we'll move to District 5 channel PC-33s, the K7YLM repeater to 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.

During the simplex portion of the net, 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.

When checking in, please say your call sign using ITU phonetics and provide the 6-character Maidenhead grid square location of your transmitting station. Net control is operating this evening from grid square [*your Maidenhead grid square: _____*]. The roll-call of active members follows, and is sorted by call sign suffix.

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

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

[*handle missed ARES member & visitor check-ins*]

This concludes our simplex check-in portion of the net. Now we'll QSY to District 5 channel PC-33s, the K7YLM repeater, on 440.200 MHz, standard 5 MHz positive offset, with a PL tone of 100.0 Hz to continue our net.

[*QSY to repeater channel...*]

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[*do a re-check of checked-in members to see who made it to the repeater*]

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

1. Our East Thurston County ARES team falls under ARRL's Western Washington Section District 5. Members are encouraged to check-in to the weekly District 5 net held on District 5 channel PC-1s each Tuesday evening at 19:00 local time.
2. Members are also encouraged to participate in the District 5 training net which is held each Monday morning at 08:30 local time, also on District 5 channel PC-1s.
3. Members are invited to check into the regional Pacific Northwest Area ARES DMR Weekly Check-in Net held on the "PNW-Regional" talk group each Sunday evening at 18:30 local time.
4. Members are reminded to check their Winlink e-mail account regularly to keep their accounts active. Feel free to send test e-mails to "EASTTHURSTON@winlink.org".

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. Net control would also like to thank the repeater owner(s) and operator(s) for the use of this repeater. This is [*your call sign*], net-control closing the net at [*current 24-hour local time*] and returning the repeater back to normal operation. 73 to all!

For reference:

- District 5 channel PC-1s is the Grass Mountain repeater on 145.370 MHz with a standard minus offset and PL tone of 136.5 Hz.
- The Capitol Peak DMR repeater is on 440.7250 MHz, standard positive offset, CC1. Details and info on the other 60+ PNW region DMR repeaters can be found at <http://pnwdigital.net/>.