

# Prince George's County ARES Net Control Script

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Welcome to the Prince George's County Maryland ARES Training Net.

Your net control station is Whiskey 3 Papa Golf Charlie, W3PGC, with <\_\_Your Call Sign Phonetically\_\_>, <\_\_First Name\_\_>, operating.

Is the alternate net control station on the air? If so, please give your call phonetically.

(Pause for alternate. If the alternate responds, write down the call sign and skip next 3 lines) Thank you, <\_\_Name\_\_>, <\_\_Call Sign\_\_> will be the alternate NCS tonight.

(If the assigned alternate station does not respond, ask for an alternate)

Is someone willing to act as alternate? Please call now. Thank you.  
<\_\_\_\_\_> will be the alternate NCS this evening.

This net is held each Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM on the 145.230 repeater with a PL tone of 110.9, courtesy of The Prince George's County Emergency Radio Association. The K3ERA repeater is located in District Heights, Maryland.

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<IF AVAILABLE> (See Tips at end of document)

The Net is also available on Echolink via the KB3KOW-R node, courtesy of Bob Davidson.

Also, we are running the Netlogger program tonight, so feel free to check in, follow along and say, "Hi" on the Almost Instant Messenger.

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If the repeater should go off the air, everyone should first switch to the alternate repeater, at frequency 146.610, negative offset, with no tone. (Repeat frequency, etc., as needed). The K3GMR repeater is courtesy of the Green Mountain Repeater Association, and located in Bladensburg, Maryland.

If the alternate repeater should also go off the air, everyone should switch to simplex mode on the K3ERA repeater output frequency, increase power and continue the net. The Net Control Operator will then call for check-ins and ask for relays, if necessary, to restart or resume the net.

The purpose of this net is to encourage interest in, and to provide information for and about the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (or ARES) in Prince George's County Maryland.

All amateurs are welcome. You do not have to be a member of ARES to join this net.

ARES provides communications services to served agencies during emergencies and public service events. ARES is not affiliated with any local club or group and is under the direction of the ARRL appointed Emergency Coordinator (EC). The EC for Prince George's County, Maryland is Jim Montgomery, WB3KAS.

The URL for our webpage is PGARES dot ORG. (Say it and then spell it out). Our Internet forum can be found on Google Groups. The name of the group is PGARES, all one word. Our Facebook page can be found at Facebook/PG ARES RACES.

This is a Training Net, therefore, participating stations are encouraged to record the call signs of all check-ins, because, if NCS and the Alternate go off the air, you may have to serve as NCS.

This is a directed net. Please address all transmissions to the Net Control Station - W3PGC.

Is there any priority or emergency traffic? Please give your call phonetically. Are there any relays for priority or emergency traffic?

Are there any mobile stations or stations on independent power that wish to check in? (Ask if they want to make comments now or later).

At this time, the net will take check-ins from ARRL elected and appointed officials in the Maryland/DC Section. Please give your call phonetically, your first name and your position. This is W3PGC. (pause for check-ins)

At this time, the net will take check-ins from Liaison Stations from the Civil Air Patrol, Hospital Coalition, MARS, SHARES, SATERN, SKYWARN or other MDC ARES jurisdictions. Please give your call phonetically, first name and position.

This is W3PGC. ( pause for check-ins)

(If available) I will now take Echolink Check-ins. Please give your call phonetically, first name and location. Please call in groups of four. This is W3PGC.

I will now take general check-ins. Please give your call phonetically, first name and location. Please call in groups of four. This is W3PGC.

Is there a Training Topic this evening? Please call W3PGC. (usually Pam – KB3SWS AEC-Training)

We will now take announcements, comments, or questions. As NCS, I will begin. (Make comments).

(Then go to the Alternate NCS, then other stations in order of check-in).

(After the first round of comments are complete, check for additional check-ins).

(Log all new check-ins, then ask for comments in the order they checked in).

Is there any station that would like to make a second round of comments? If so, please call now.

We wish to thank the Prince George's County Emergency Radio Association for the use of this repeater.

(Alternately, as needed: We wish to thank the Green Mountain Repeater Association for the use of this repeater).

Thank you, everyone, for your participation tonight. Also, thank you to <\_\_Name\_\_> for acting as my alternate NCS. This net is now secure and the repeater is now returned to regular use. This is W3PGC, Net Control, with <\_\_Your Call Sign\_\_>, <\_\_Your Name\_\_> Good night.

### Tips for Net Control

- Use a cell phone or WWV-synchronized clock to determine the exact time to start the net (1930L).
- If neither the NCS, nor the alternate starts the net within 5 minutes, anyone may start the net.

- W3PGC is the NCS call sign.
- EchoLink – you could check EchoLink status via cell phone/desktop prior to the net (~7:15 PM) to see if the node is logged in (currently KB3KOW-R)
- Netlogger: KB3SPH or KB3SWS usually run an instance of NetLogger for the net, you can look at the net reminder usually sent via email Tuesday morning to see if it's mentioned or call KB3SPH or KB3SWS prior to the net to see if NetLogger is up.