Kane County ARES Incident Practice Net Script

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*< **NCS Role:** NCS will handle the overall net, take check in's, provide a variety of announcements (meetings, training, special events) and keep a master log of stations checked in with their associated information (if short-time, operator name, location, if trained spotter, and if they have traffic). An ANCS should be prearranged, but if the assigned ANCS is missing, try to find a qualified KC ARES station to fill the role. If none can be found, the NCS will have to do the ANCS duties (call for traffic, check out roll call). >*

*< **ANCS Role:** ANCS will keep a duplicate log of all stations checking in and will be ready at all times to pick up as NCS if the NCS disappears from the net for whatever reason. The ANCS will also call the stations that have traffic and call the Check Out Role Call. If there is a possibility of severe weather for Kane Co, please read the Hazardous Weather Outlook (HWO) from NWS Chicago (LOT):* http://go.usa.gov/Yk84   *>*

Introduction:

NCS: "Good evening and welcome to the Kane County Incident Practice Net. This is *< NCS name & Call sign >* using the call sign KC9AES for tonight's net. This is a directed net. Please transmit only when directed to do so by Net Control. Stations with Emergency or Priority traffic for this net, please call KC9AES net control now." *< NCS pause >*

< NCS pauses. If any station calls with emergency or priority traffic, handle that traffic promptly using the Emergency procedures on page 5 of this script >

< if no station calls with emergency traffic: >
NCS: "Nothing heard."
< continue >

NCS: "This net is a joint effort of the Kane County Office of Emergency Management and the Kane County Amateur Radio Emergency Service. The purpose of this net is to practice proper net procedures including message handling and a check-out roll call similar to our Skywarn Operations nets. If you cannot remain on this net until the checkout roll call, please indicate this by declaring "short time" while you are checking in." *< NCS pause >*

NCS: "This net is activated every Wednesday at 1830 hours local time unless preempted by severe weather, emergency or public service operations. This repeater uses a minus offset with a PL tone of 103.5 Hertz and is open for all licensed amateurs." *< NCS pause >*

< If an Alternate Net Control has been scheduled >
> **NCS:** "To assist the Net Control station, *< ANCS name & call sign >* has volunteered to be Alternate Net Control. Is *< ANCS call sign >* on frequency and available? "
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> *< If ANCS replies, **take the ANCS check-in information** (location, if trained spotter, if they have traffic). Then jump to Check-In section below >*

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< If there is no ANCS yet: >

> **NCS:** "A qualified Alternate Net Control Station is requested for this net. That station will keep a duplicate log, call for stations with traffic at the exchange section of the net, and call the check-out roll call. Any station available to serve as Alternate Net Control, please call now."
>
> *< When ANCS replies, **take their check-in information** (location, if trained spotter, if they have traffic). Then jump to Check-In section below >*

Check-In:

NCS: "This is KC9AES. The Net will proceed as follows: we will take check-in's, then call stations with traffic, make announcements, and conclude with a final roll call before we close the net. Some traffic and/or announcements may be presented in ICS-213 format. Please be prepared to copy formal message traffic. *< NCS pause >*

NCS: "We will now begin check-in's according to your station suffix. Stations who are not able to stay on frequency for the entire net should indicate they are '**short-time**' when checking in. Please check in **one at a time, slowly** giving your call sign phonetically. Net Control will acknowledge, after which please state your name, location, if you are a trained spotter and if you have traffic." *< NCS pause >*

NCS: "We will start with short-time stations. Please call KC9AES one at a time now."
< Acknowledge each short-time station and log their information. When quiet, proceed with the next group.>

*< **If there is an Echolink** connection set up prior to the net, please do the following: >*

> **NCS:** "This is KC9AES. Are there any Echolink stations wishing to check in? Those checking in please allow an extra pause for the repeater connection to initiate. Please call Net Control now."
> *< Let the repeater drop and give a few seconds for any Echolink stations to key up. There will be a noticeable delay in their transmissions, so allow time. Acknowledge each station in turn and log their information. When quiet, call for the next group. >*

NCS: "This is KC9AES. We will now begin regular check in's. One at a time, slowly state your call sign phonetically, wait for acknowledgment, and then state your name, location, if you're a trained spotter and if you have any traffic. All stations with suffixes beginning with **A**lpha - **F**oxtrot, call Net Control now."
< Acknowledge each station in turn and log their information. When quiet, call for the next group. >

NCS: "This is KC9AES. All stations with suffixes beginning with **G**olf - **S**ierra, call Net Control now."
< Acknowledge each station in turn and log their information. When quiet, call for the next group. >

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NCS: "This is KC9AES. All stations with suffixes beginning with **T**ango - **Z**ulu, call Net Control now."
< Acknowledge each station in turn and log their information. When quiet, call for the next group. >

NCS: "This is KC9AES. Any station with any suffix, please call Net Control now before we handle traffic."
< Acknowledge any remaining stations and log their information. When quiet, proceed with next section. >

Log Verification & Traffic:

NCS: "This is KC9AES. We will now do a quick verification of the log and call for traffic. *< ANCS call sign >,* counting the NCS and ANCS, my log shows *< # >* stations total, *< # >* with traffic and *< # >* as short-time. Please verify.
< If the ANCS totals are the same and no log information is missing, simply acknowledge. If any log information does not match or is missing, the ANCS should request any missing station information and resolve any count differences. >

NCS: "*< ANCS call sign >,* please call the stations with traffic."

ANCS: "This is *< ANCS call sign >.* Stations with traffic will be called check-in order.

< If there is a possibility of severe weather for Kane Co, please read the Hazardous Weather Outlook (HWO) from NWS Chicago (LOT): http://go.usa.gov/Yk84 *>*

< The ANCS calls each station that indicated they had traffic in check-in order. After all stations with traffic are finished, return to Net Control: >

ANCS: "This is *< ANCS call sign >* confirming there are no more stations with traffic. Back to Net Control.

Announcements:

NCS: "Thank you *< ANCS call sign >.* This is KC9AES Net Control with some announcements. "

NCS: "Kane County ARES meets for training on the 2nd Thursday of each month, and holds their general meeting on the 4th Thursday each month. Both meetings are at 7:00 pm at the St. Charles Fire Dept training room. The Fox River Radio League meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia. The Valley Amateur Repeater Association meets the 1st Friday at 7:00 pm at the Colonial Cafe in Elgin on McLean Blvd in the months of Feb, May, Aug, and Nov.

< If applicable, also announce any upcoming hamfests & special training opportunities (spotter training, etc.).

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NCS: "Further information about Kane Co ARES events is available at our website www.KaneCountyARES.org. Are there any questions or comments about tonight's traffic or further announcements?"
< NCS pauses. If there are any stations with questions or comments, allow that traffic before continuing to the next section. >

Final Check-In's, Roll Call and Net Signoff:

NCS: "Are there any final check-in's for the Kane Co Incident Practice Net? Please come now."
< NCS pauses, adds any late check-in's to the log. >

NCS: "This is KC9AES. *< ANCS call sign >* will now do the check out roll call.

ANCS: "This is *< ANCS call sign >*. We will now conduct a final roll call. When you are called, please respond with your call sign only. When the roll call is complete, all stations are excused from the net.
< Leaving the NCS and ANCS to last, the ANCS calls all stations that checked in except for the short-time stations.   >

ANCS: "This is *< ANCS call sign >*. Thank you all stations. Back to Net Control.

NCS: "I would like to thank all stations who participated in the net tonight. This net will be activated again on Wednesday *< next Wed. date >* at 1830 hours local time. The Kane County Incident Practice Net is now closed and the repeater is returned to normal amateur use. This is KC9AES for Kane Co OEM and Kane Co ARES clear at *< current time >*. 73!

< NCS and ANCS and resolve any questions, logging errors, etc.>

< Stand by for a couple of minutes for questions>

NOTE: FCC Rules regarding station ID should be followed at all times (i.e. every 10 minutes). Please don't forget.

A copy of the logs should be sent to Debby WX9VOR (EC) via email or slack. Thank you.