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**TO:** Net Controls – McLennan County A.R.E.S. Weekly Training Net

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**SUBJECT:** 2016 Schedule, Forms and Procedures

1. **2016 NET CONTROL SCHEDULE:** The A.R.E.S. Training Net Schedule for 2016 is attached. We are up to eleven primary Net Controls. We lost W5TTL, and picked up KG5KGV and K5NSA. As always, if you find yourself with a conflict, please contact one of the other primary Net Controls and make a switch.
2. **NET LOG SHEETS:** **After each Net please forward the log sheet to me.** I need to make monthly reports to ARRL on A.R.E.S activities. Attached (and on our web site) you will find a log sheet. It is a MS Word document in table format. Just click on the box and type. Tab key moves you through the sheet. I would prefer e-mail submission if possible. Use the table as a template and when completed save it and e-mail it. I use the document name (YYYYMMDD). Makes storage easy. If you do not have e-mail capability, then copy the form and mail the completed log to me at the above address after your Net. I need all log sheets for the month by the end of that month.
3. **ARES MONDAY NET PREAMBLE:** The preamble for the Monday ARES / Bakers Dozen Training Net is attached (and on our web site). Please note that we use the HOTARC call sign for Net Control.
4. **BAKERS DOZEN WEATHER NET PREAMBLE:** I have also included a copy of the Bakers Dozen Net (BDWN) Preamble. The Net is activated any time that a **Severe Thunderstorm** or **Tornado Warning** is issued for McLennan County. I need for one of the ARES Net Controls to start the Weather Net, take check-ins and reports, until KD5KJU, AE5CA, or KC5KNI can get to the EOC and take over. This is the type of situation that we are training for, and the spotters should not have to question if there is a Net in progress or who should run the Net. Someone at the EOC (both are licensed) will be monitoring the frequency and relay reports given over the Net to the National Weather Service. Keep a written log of check-ins, and reports with locations and times of occurrence. Again the HOTARC Club call sign (W5ZDN) is used for the BDWN Net Control.
5. **NET FREQUENCIES:** Primary frequency will be 145.15 (tone 123.0). Alternate frequency will be 146.66 (tone 123.0). The EOC now has dual band capability, therefore 442.875 (tone 123.0) will also be monitored during weather nets.
6. **TRAINING:** SKYWARN 2016 is scheduled for Sat, 6 FEB 2016. The location will be at the McLennan Community College Emergency Service Education Center and will run from 0830 – 1630. Both basic and advanced training will be offered. **All Net Controls should plan to attend.** In addition, all Net Controls should have had the free FEMA courses in preparation for emergency activation. Courses and web site location are listed on the HOTARC web site.
7. Thanks again for volunteering to serve as an ARES Net Control. The Monday night Net has run very smoothly this past year and this can only be attributed to you who take the time to make it happen. Feel free to contact me with any comments / questions / problems. E-Mail is: [KC5KNI@arrl.Net](mailto:KC5KNI@arrl.Net). My cell phone is 254-722-4578. Thanks again.

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