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TO: Net Controls – McLennan County A.R.E.S. Weekly Training Net
DATE: 18 DEC 2019 (updated 22 Dec 2019)
SUBJECT: 2020 Schedule, Forms, and Procedures

1. **2020 NET CONTROL SCHEDULE:** The A.R.E.S. Training Net Schedule for 2020 is attached. We have nine primary Net Controls through April. We added AC5DE for the whole year, and will lose AC5JC as of the end of April. 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 Paul Collins, KG5DHS. He needs to make monthly reports to ARRL on A.R.E.S activities. Attached 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. He would prefer e-mail submission if possible. Use the table as a template and when completed save it and e-mail it. If you do not have e-mail capability, then copy the form and mail the completed log to him at the address listed for Paul in the HOTARC Directory. He needs 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. 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. One of the ARES Net Controls needs to start the weather Net, take check-ins and reports, until KD5KJU, AE5CA, KD5UEW, 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 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 is used for the BDWN Net Control.
5. **NET FREQUENCIES:** Primary frequency will be 145.15 (tone 123.0). The EOC now has dual band capability, therefore 442.875 (tone 123.0) will now serve as the alternate frequency and will be monitored during weather nets.
6. **TRAINING:** SKYWARN 2020 is scheduled for ~~Wednesday, 22 JAN 2020~~ **Sunday, 16 March 2020.** The location will be at the McLennan Community College Emergency Service Education Center **Cashion Academic Center #506 at Baylor University** and training will run **from 1800–2000.** **NOTE THE CHANGE THIS YEAR.** Only the basic training session 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 Paul with any comments / questions / problems. His E-Mail is: thralldad@yahoo.com. His cell phone is 254-424-4342. Thanks again.

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