

Humboldt Wide-Area Emergency Net Preamble

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This is (name), (callsign), Net Control for tonight's Humboldt County Wide Area Emergency VHF Net.

The purpose of this net is to check operational readiness of member stations and the linked repeater system for times of need, and to share information between the operational areas of Humboldt County. This net is conducted every Monday at 19:30 hours using the Far West linked Repeater system.

Is there any emergency traffic for the Net tonight?

Any station with emergency traffic can break in at any time by transmitting your call sign.

Are there any Announcements for tonight's net? (Transmit weekly Bulletin & any additional Announcements heard.)

Calling Southern Humboldt area, please send your Activity Reports. (thank NCS for reports)

Now calling for stations that missed their local southern Humboldt check-in nets.

Calling Eel Valley area, please send your Activity Reports. (thank NCS for reports)

Now calling for stations that missed their local Eel Valley check-in nets.

Calling Eureka area, please send your Activity Reports.

Now calling for stations that missed their local Eureka check-in nets. (thank NCS for reports)

Calling Arcata area, please send your Activity Reports.

Now calling for stations that missed their local Arcata check-in nets. (thank NCS for reports)

Now calling Visitors.

Thank you all for your work and participation in our emergency nets tonight.

At this time, I am going to close the Humboldt County Wide-Area Emergency VHF Net and release this frequency to regular amateur use.

This is (name), (callsign), 73

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You are encouraged to print page one of this preamble & the roster for easy reference as you call this net. Please add date to roster for each week. If you note a station no longer checks in for more than 4 weeks running please line out that station and send an update to w6zzk@humboldt-arc.org. This keeps the roster fresh and wastes less time waiting for hams who aren't able to participate. If missing hams start checking in, add them back to the roster and email w6zzk the update.

Activity reports are the total check-in numbers for each operational area's local emergency nets as well as report totals from: NBEMS net, APRS net, HF Digital net, Winlink Wednesday net, and CERT nets which all fall under "Emergency Nets." The bands and/or modes may vary over time.

If you do not have the weekly bulletin for the week, designate a station that does have it available to transmit. We do try to update the HARC website as fast as possible and it may be available here <https://www.humboldt-arc.org/all-posts/>. If there were additional announcements that weren't on the weekly bulletin make sure to note them and pass them along to DEC or the next net. Sometimes we get busy and forgot to pass along important information so this is how we get the word out to the broader ham participants.

Net time is typically short, so mind how long you pause for check-ins. 3-4 seconds is typical. If a station missed their chance, you can pick them up after the roster with your announcement for **any late or missed**. Mind the time as there are other nets immediately following this net.

If you hear a weak, barely audible, interference noise, or distorted station checking in, please make sure to mention the audio problem to that ham so they can correct the problem. Remember, they can't hear themselves when they are checking in and depend on good feedback from NCS. This is a vital part of "readiness" mentioned earlier in this preamble.