

Net Formats

1. Introduction

To provide a basis for carrying out the mission of the Tippecanoe County, Indiana Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®), guidelines must be in place to meet the communications requirements of Served Agencies. This document provides structured formats for use by Tippecanoe County ARES Net Control Stations (NCS) and Alternate Net Control Stations (ANCS), based on guidelines of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

2. Responsibilities

The Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Operations, responsible for SKYWARN and Net Management, is the author and maintainer of this document.

Each NCS and ANCS in Tippecanoe County ARES is responsible for thoroughly reviewing and following the procedures defined in this document. All members of Tippecanoe County ARES should be familiar with this document. It provides structured formats for the conduct of specific types of nets.

3. Related Publications

- NET 1-1 Net Management (Net Control Station Procedures)
- NET 1-2 Net Operations
- NET 1-3 Net Frequencies
- OP PLAN 100 National Weather Service Support Plan (SKYWARN Operations Plan)

4. Release Information

Net Format Description	Pages	Revision Date
Weekly Training Net	2-4	08 APR 2010
Monthly (Weekend) Training Net	5-6	08 APR 2010
SKYWARN – Net Condition 3 (Watch / Increased Threat / Directed Net)	7-9	15 MAR 2010
SKYWARN – Net Condition 2 (Warning / Directed Net)	10-12	15 MAR 2010
SKYWARN – Net Closing	13	08 APR 2010
Situation Reports (SIT REP)	14	11 NOV 2008
Annual NWS Statewide Tornado TEST	15-16	08 APR 2010

TCARES Weekly Training Net Format

Net Preamble

Attention all stations. This is <name>, <callsign phonetically>, Net Control Station for the Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net.

This training net commences every Monday evening at twenty-hundred hours, local time, with a focus on practicing the skills of net discipline, standard ARES net procedures, and net control operations.

This is a directed, tactical net. Please do not transmit unless asked to do so by Net Control. Stations with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY traffic may interrupt at any time, and will be immediately acknowledged.

Should this repeater become unavailable or unsuitable for use during the net, please follow the instructions of the Net Control. If so directed, operations may move to the W9YB 2-Meter repeater on 146.76 MHz, with an 88.5 Hz tone.

<Callsign of scheduled ANCS>, are you available to serve as Alternate Net Control?

*(PAUSE for scheduled Alternate Net Control response, and acknowledge appropriately. If no response, - "Are there any **designated Net Control Operators** willing to serve as Alternate for this net, call now."*

*If there continues to be no response, then - "Any **ARES member** willing to serve as Alternate Net Control Station, call now.")*

This is a communications exercise for Tippecanoe County ARES. Those of you who are not members of ARES are invited to participate. We encourage all amateurs in the area to join us for this training net.

Check-ins by proxy are **not** permitted, in order to encourage all participants to practice standard net operating procedures. Once you are acknowledged by Net Control, please continue to closely monitor the net for its duration. Individual net check-outs, or "short-time" check-ins, are **not** standard procedure during this exercise.

Net Check-in Protocol

(If a specific check-in protocol for this particular net has been requested by the EC or an AEC, then use it. Otherwise, proceed with the standard check-in protocol.)

In order to promote good amateur practice, and help train those who may be new to emergency communications, we ask that you observe the following protocol:

Check into the net by stating:

- **your callsign, using standard phonetics** (*and*)
- **indicate if you are mobile or portable**

All stations, whose callsign suffix begins with _____ through _____, call now.

- ALPHA through FOXTROT
- GOLF through LIMA
- MIKE through SIERRA
- TANGO through ZULU

(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately. Wait until there are no responses to your call for stations from each group before proceeding to the next.)

Net Announcements

This is <callsign>, Net Control Station for the Tippecanoe County ARES net. Any station with announcements, news, information, or questions, pertaining to ARES, SKYWARN, or emergency communications, identify now with callsign only.

(Pause for stations to identify, acknowledge them appropriately, and allow them to give their announcements or other relative traffic. Please note that any formal message traffic should be delayed until after the close of the net, if possible, unless it has a precedence of emergency or priority.)

Standard Net Announcements

This is the weekly training net for Tippecanoe County ARES. Details about this ARES group, including training, activities, meetings, and other related information, are available on the web at W9TCA.com.

Ancillary Net Announcements

(1st Monday of Month **ONLY**):

Since this is the 1st Monday of the month, stations with packet capability are encouraged to check into the ARES packet net on 145.05 MHz, following the close of this net, at 20:30 hours, local time. The packet net uses the converse mode for roundtable discussion, and participants are asked to set their UNPROTO path to "CQ via W9TCA".

(3rd Monday of Month **ONLY**):

Since this is the 3rd Monday of the month, there will be a 2-meter single-sideband net on 144.250 MHz, upper sideband, following the close of this net, at 20:30 hours, local time. Participants are asked to disable, or "zero out", the incremental tuning or offset functions of their transceivers, and tune for a natural sounding voice from the Net Control Station.

Late Check-in Opportunity

(If a specific check-in protocol for this particular net has been requested by the EC or an AEC, then use it. Otherwise, proceed with the standard check-in protocol.)

Stations that missed the initial call will now be given a final opportunity to check in. We ask that you observe net protocol by stating:

- **your callsign, using standard phonetics** *(and)*
- **indicate if you are mobile or portable**

Stations **ALPHA** through **LIMA** who missed the initial check-in, call now.
(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)

Stations **MIKE** through **ZULU** who missed the initial check-in, call now.
(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)

If there are any other announcements or traffic for this ARES net, call now.
(Pause, and acknowledge appropriately.)

Net Closing

This communications exercise is now terminated. We wish to thank the repeater owners and trustees for the use and availability of their systems, and we appreciate everyone who participated.

The next scheduled ARES net will be: *(Choose the appropriate net.)*

- **next Monday evening at twenty-hundred hours, local time.**
- **this coming Saturday at twelve-hundred hours, local time.** *(for the 3rd Saturday of the month)*
- *(other primary scheduled net, as announced)*

This is **<callsign>**, Net Control Station for Tippecanoe County ARES closing the net at **<time>**, and returning the frequency to normal operation.

(Call ANCS and confirm number of participating stations.)

(Send email to the EC, and the Operations AEC, listing the calls of all net check-ins, the station acting as ANCS, and the opening and closing times of the net. Also include any details you feel are worth reporting and may be of interest to the EC and Operations AEC, particularly if they were not present during the net.)

TCARES Monthly (Weekend) Training Net Format

Net Preamble

Attention all stations. This is <name>, <callsign phonetically>, Net Control Station for the Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net.

This weekend ARES net is conducted on the 3rd Saturday of each month, at twelve-hundred hours, local time, with a focus on practicing the skills of net discipline, standard ARES net procedures, and net control operations.

This is a directed, tactical net. Please do not transmit unless asked to do so by Net Control. Stations with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY traffic may interrupt at any time, and will be immediately acknowledged.

This is a communications exercise for Tippecanoe County ARES. Those of you who are not members of ARES are invited to participate. We encourage all amateurs in the area to join us for this training net.

Check-ins by proxy are **not** permitted, in order to encourage all participants to practice standard net operating procedures. Once you are acknowledged by Net Control, please continue to closely monitor the net for its duration. Individual net check-outs, or “short-time” check-ins, are **not** standard procedure during this exercise.

Net Check-in Protocol

(If a specific check-in protocol for this particular net has been requested by the EC or an AEC, then use it. Otherwise, proceed with the standard check-in protocol.)

In order to promote good amateur practice, and help train those who may be new to emergency communications, we ask that you observe the following protocol:

Check into the net by stating:

- **your callsign, using standard phonetics (and)**
- **indicate if you are mobile or portable**

All stations, whose callsign suffix begins with _____ through _____, call now.

- **ALPHA through FOXTROT**
- **GOLF through LIMA**
- **MIKE through SIERRA**
- **TANGO through ZULU**

*(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately. **Wait until there are no responses to your call for stations from each group before proceeding to the next.**)*

Station Comments

This is <callsign>, Net Control Station for the Tippecanoe County ARES net. We will now call each station that has checked in for their comments.

*(Call each station, starting with mobiles, and allow them to give their comments for the net. Any special activities planned for the weekend net would likely occur at this point.)
(Once each station has made their comments and any other planned net activities are completed, then proceed with the next section.)*

Standard Net Announcements

This is the monthly weekend net for Tippecanoe County ARES. Details about this ARES group, including training, activities, meetings, and other related information, are available on the web at W9TCA.com.

Late Check-in Opportunity

Stations that missed the initial call will now be given a final opportunity to check in. We ask that you observe net protocol by stating:

- **your callsign, using standard phonetics** *(and)*
- **indicate if you are mobile or portable**

Stations **ALPHA** through **LIMA** who missed the initial check-in, call now.

(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)

Stations **MIKE** through **ZULU** who missed the initial check-in, call now.

(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)

If there are any other announcements or traffic for this ARES net, call now.

(Pause, and acknowledge appropriately.)

Net Closing

This communications exercise is now terminated. We wish to thank the repeater owners and trustees for the use and availability of their systems, and we appreciate everyone who participated.

The next scheduled ARES net will be: **next Monday evening, at twenty-hundred hours, local time.**

This is <callsign>, Net Control Station for Tippecanoe County ARES closing the net at <time>, and returning the frequency to normal operation.

(Send email to the EC, and the Operations AEC, listing the calls of all net check-ins, and the opening and closing times of the net. Also include any details you feel are worth reporting and may be of interest to the EC and Operations AEC, particularly if they were not present during the net.)

SKYWARN Net Format

Net Condition 3

Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Watch (with elevated or immediate threat):

Attention all stations. This is <name>, <callsign phonetically>, Net Control Station for the Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Amateur Radio Emergency Service SKYWARN Net.

This net is being activated under Net Condition 3 due to the potential threat of severe weather. The National Weather Service has issued a <give information known about the watch or statement, i.e., “tornado watch for a large portion of central and northern Indiana, including Tippecanoe County, until 1830 local time”>.

(Include pertinent information that justifies the activation of Net Condition 3, i.e., strong storm cell now entering the county, reports of storm damage, or at the request of the EC, NWS, etc.)

SKYWARN spotter activation is being requested at this time. Tactical communications will be used during this net to expedite the reporting of severe weather conditions. ARES personnel should refer to the SKYWARN Operations Plan for detailed information, and operate according to its guidelines.

This is a directed, tactical net. Please do not transmit unless asked to do so by Net Control. Stations with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY traffic may interrupt at any time, and will be immediately acknowledged.

Should this repeater become unavailable or unsuitable for use during the net, please follow the instructions of the Net Control. If so directed, operations may move to the W9YB 2-Meter repeater on 146.76 MHz, with an 88.5 Hz tone.

Is there a **designated Net Control Operator** willing to serve as Alternate for this net, call now.

(PAUSE for Alternate Net Control response. If none, then - “Any ARES member willing to serve as Alternate Net Control Station, call now.”)

Any **designated Net Control Operator** willing to serve as Liaison to the National Weather Service, either via the linked repeater system or by telephone, call now.

(PAUSE for Liaison response. If none, then - “Any ARES member willing to serve as Liaison to the National Weather Service, call now.”)

At this time we will take check-ins from ARES personnel, SKYWARN Spotters, and any other amateur stations who wish to participate in this severe weather net.

Check into the net by stating:

- **your callsign phonetically, and indicate if you are mobile or portable,**
- **your name, (and)**
- **your exact location**

All stations, whose callsign suffix begins with ... , call now.

- **ALPHA** through **FOXTROT** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*
- **GOLF** through **LIMA** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*
- **MIKE** through **SIERRA** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*
- **TANGO** through **ZULU** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*

The National Weather Service has issued a **<give a very brief description of the watch, i.e., “severe thunderstorm watch which includes Tippecanoe County until 2130 local time”>**.

This is a directed SKYWARN net, operating under ARES Net Condition 3. All stations stand by, unless you have emergency traffic, or severe weather conditions to report. Legitimate reports are:

- sightings of tornadoes on the ground, or funnel clouds aloft
- well-defined, rotating wall clouds
- hail of any size
- winds in excess of 50 miles-per-hour
- extreme flooding
- actual storm damage

Any report not meeting one or more of these criteria should not be passed unless specifically requested by Net Control. Any station with a severe weather report, call **<callsign>**.

(PAUSE for any reports. If none, continue to maintain the net at an appropriate level of control for Net Condition 3.)

(Maintain contact with the NWS Liaison station, and attempt to gather further data on the impending threat. Be prepared to collect any reports the NWS may request. Stay up to date on the threat by observing radar, monitoring NWS and TV reports, listening to scanner traffic, or any other valid means. If necessary, ask your ANCS to closely monitor the progress of the situation and keep you informed with frequent, but brief, updates. Use another frequency or alternate communications method, other than using the primary net frequency, to stay in contact with your ANCS and Liaison stations, if practical.)

Periodic Announcements for Net Condition 3:

(To be made every 5-7 minutes during quiet periods under Net Condition 3.)

This is Net Control for the Tippecanoe County SKYWARN Net.

The National Weather Service has issued a **<give a very brief description of the watch, i.e., “severe thunderstorm watch which includes Tippecanoe County until 2130 local time”, and briefly include any updates about the situation>**.

(For the sake of brevity, skip this section on taking check-ins roughly every other time when making periodic announcements. Take check-ins only if time and the situation allows.)

We will take Spotter check-ins for those that have not been previously acknowledged. Check in by stating your callsign phonetically, indicate if you are mobile or portable, your name, and your exact location.

Any station that has not yet checked into this SKYWARN Net, but wishes to do so, call now.

(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)

This is a directed SKYWARN net, operating under ARES Net Condition 3. All stations stand by, unless you have emergency traffic, or severe weather conditions to report. Legitimate reports are:

- sightings of tornadoes on the ground, or funnel clouds aloft
- well-defined, rotating wall clouds
- hail of any size
- winds in excess of 50 miles-per-hour
- extreme flooding
- actual storm damage

Any station with a severe weather report, call **<callsign>**.

(PAUSE for any reports. If none, continue to maintain the net at an appropriate level of control for a Net Condition 3.)

SKYWARN Net Format Net Condition 2

Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado WARNING:

Attention all stations. This is <name>, <callsign phonetically>, Net Control Station for the Tippecanoe County, Indiana Amateur Radio Emergency Service SKYWARN Net.

(If a Net Condition 3 is already active, then announce, “This net is being elevated to Net Condition 2”, and skip to the next page. Otherwise, continue below.)

This net is being activated under Net Condition 2. The National Weather Service has issued a <severe thunderstorm or tornado> WARNING for <area, i.e., Tippecanoe County> until <time>, local time.

If anyone has Urgent Priority weather conditions to report, call now.

(PAUSE for any response. If there are reportable weather conditions, ask if there is anyone on frequency who can relay the information to the National Weather Service and handle it in the most expedient way possible. If there are no severe weather reports, continue below...)

SKYWARN spotter activation is being requested at this time. Tactical communications will be used during this net to expedite the reporting of severe weather conditions.

This is a directed, tactical net. Please do not transmit unless asked to do so by Net Control. Stations with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY traffic may interrupt at any time, and will be immediately acknowledged.

Should this repeater become unavailable or unsuitable for use during the net, please follow the instructions of the Net Control. If so directed, operations may move to the W9YB 2-Meter repeater on 146.76 MHz, with an 88.5 Hz tone.

Is there a **designated Net Control Operator** willing to serve as Alternate for this net, call now.

(PAUSE for Alternate Net Control response. If none, then - “Any ARES member willing to serve as Alternate Net Control Station, call now.”)

Any **designated Net Control Operator** willing to serve as Liaison to the National Weather Service, either via the linked repeater system or by telephone, call now.

(PAUSE for Liaison response. If none, then - “Any ARES member willing to serve as Liaison to the National Weather Service, call now.”)

The National Weather Service has issued a **<severe thunderstorm or tornado>** WARNING for **<area, i.e., Tippecanoe County>**, in effect until **<time>**, local time.

(Use this opportunity to briefly give any details about the situation, i.e., present storm location, speed, direction, areas to be immediately affected, etc. Make it a quick summary, not a long, TV-weatherman type of report.)

We will **not** take check-ins at this time, due to the immediate threat to the area. This is a directed SKYWARN net, operating under ARES Net Condition 2. All stations stand by, unless you have emergency traffic, or severe weather conditions to report. Legitimate reports are:

- sightings of tornadoes on the ground, or funnel clouds aloft
- well-defined, rotating wall clouds
- hail of any size
- winds in excess of 50 miles-per-hour
- extreme flooding
- actual storm damage

Any report not meeting one or more of these criteria should not be passed unless specifically requested by Net Control.

Any station with a severe weather report, call **<callsign>**.

(PAUSE for any reports. If none, you may choose to either quickly take a few Spotter check-ins, or continue to stand by for reports. If you decide to take a few Spotter check-ins, ask for stations in and close to the target area where the storm is presently located, or is approaching. Continue to maintain the net at an appropriate level of control for Net Condition 2.)

(Maintain contact with the NWS Liaison station, and quickly attempt to gather any data the NWS may request. Stay up to date on storm movement and activity by observing radar, monitoring NWS and TV reports, listening to scanner traffic, or any other valid means. The ANCS should closely monitor the progress of the storm and keep you informed with frequent, but brief, updates. Use another frequency or alternate communications method, other than using the primary net frequency, to stay in contact with your ANCS and Liaison stations, if practical.)

Periodic Announcements for Net Condition 2:

(To be made every 4-5 minutes during quiet periods under Net Condition 2.)

This is Net Control for the Tippecanoe County SKYWARN Net.

<Area, i.e., Tippecanoe County> is under a **<severe thunderstorm or tornado>** WARNING until **<time>**, local time.

(Briefly give any updates about the situation, areas to be next impacted by the storm, etc.)

(For the sake of brevity, skip the following paragraph roughly every other time when making periodic announcements.)

We are **not** taking check-ins at this time, due to the immediate threat to the area. This is a directed SKYWARN net, operating under ARES Net Condition 2. All stations stand by, unless you have emergency traffic, or severe weather conditions to report. Legitimate reports are:

- sightings of tornadoes on the ground, or funnel clouds aloft
- well-defined, rotating wall clouds
- hail of any size
- winds in excess of 50 miles-per-hour
- extreme flooding
- actual storm damage

Any station with a severe weather report, call **<callsign>**.

(PAUSE for reports. If none, continue to stand by and maintain tight control of the net at a level appropriate for Net Condition 2.)

SKYWARN Net Format Net Closing

This is <callsign>, Net Control Station for the Tippecanoe County SKYWARN Net.

Potentially severe weather no longer poses an immediate threat to the area. <Give a brief synopsis of the situation, i.e., whether or not there is the potential for more severe weather to enter the area in the next few hours, severe weather is no longer likely in the near term, etc.>

At this time, we would like to take general check-ins of ALL stations that have monitored the net and have **not** been previously acknowledged by Net Control. If you have **NOT** yet checked into this SKYWARN net, **check in now by stating:**

- **your callsign phonetically, and indicate if you are mobile or portable,**
- **your name, (and)**
- **your location**

All stations, whose callsign suffix begins with ... , call now.

- **ALPHA** through **FOXTROT** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*
- **GOLF** through **LIMA** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*
- **MIKE** through **SIERRA** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*
- **TANGO** through **ZULU** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*

This activation of the Tippecanoe County ARES SKYWARN Net is terminated. All ARES personnel, SKYWARN spotters, and net participants are now released from your assignments.

We wish to thank the repeater owners and trustees for the use and availability of their systems, and we appreciate everyone who participated.

This is <callsign>, Net Control Station for Tippecanoe County ARES closing the net at <time>, local time, and returning the frequency to normal operation.

(Call the NWS Liaison station to confirm that they are aware the net is closing. Give them the total number of net participants, specify the number of mobile stations, and indicate the duration of the net in minutes, or hours and minutes, as appropriate. They will pass this information on to the NCS of Central Indiana SKYWARN.)

(Call the ANCS to thank them for their assistance, and to verify that they know the net is closing.)

*(The NCS, ANCS, and Liaison stations should **each** send email to the EC, and the AEC for Operations, per procedures, with the details of the net report.)*

Situation Report (SIT REP) Format

Note: *Situation Reports (SIT REPs) are a means of collecting routine information needed during the event, as well as verifying that all stations are functioning properly.*

This is **<callsign>**, Net Control Station for the Tippecanoe County ARES Net. This is a Situation Report roll call.

(Call the appropriate stations, one at a time. If operating in Net Conditions 3 or 4, you may append to the list by taking additional reports from any other stations near the areas of interest. Record all stations reporting and their responses (or lack thereof). You may request specific information as the stations report in, such as callsigns of all operators present, operational status, current conditions, etc.)

(If regularly scheduled SIT REPs are not applicable to the situation, then skip the following line.)

The next SIT REP will be conducted at **<time of next SIT REP roll call>**, local time.

(Generally done on the hour and half-hour, or as appropriate to the situation.)

(If operating under Net Condition 4, announce the following, else skip this line.)

Returning the net to background operation.

This is Net Control Station, **<callsign>**.

Annual NWS Statewide Tornado TEST Net Format

Attention all stations. This is <name>, <callsign phonetically>, Net Control Station for the Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net.

This is a TEST of the statewide Emergency Alert System. The National Weather Service conducts this statewide tornado drill and communications test annually in conjunction with Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

This test is conducted in cooperation with the Indiana State Police, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana Broadcasters Association, the American Red Cross, and Amateur Radio Operators.

A TEST Tornado Warning was issued as part of the statewide tornado drill. If this was an actual warning, you would be advised to seek a safe shelter, and a formal SKYWARN net would be in session. Repeating – this is only a TEST warning. No severe weather currently affects Tippecanoe County.

This is a directed, tactical net. Please do not transmit unless asked to do so by Net Control. Stations with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY traffic may interrupt at any time, and will be immediately acknowledged.

Is there a **designated Net Control Operator** willing to serve as Alternate for this net, call now.

(PAUSE for Alternate Net Control response. If none, then - “Any ARES member willing to serve as Alternate Net Control Station, call now.”)

Any **designated Net Control Operator** willing to serve as Liaison to the National Weather Service, either via the linked repeater system or by telephone, call now.

(PAUSE for Liaison response. If none, then - “Any ARES member willing to serve as Liaison to the National Weather Service, call now.”)

This net is a communications exercise for Tippecanoe County ARES. Those of you who are not members of ARES are invited to participate. We encourage all amateurs in the area to join us for this special severe weather TEST training net.

Check-ins by proxy are **not** permitted, in order to encourage all participants to practice standard net operating procedures. Once you are acknowledged by Net Control, please continue to closely monitor the net for its duration. Individual net check-outs, or “short-time” check-ins, are **not** standard procedure during this exercise.

Check into the net by stating:

- **your callsign phonetically, and indicate if you are mobile or portable,**
- **your name, (and)**
- **your general location**

All stations, whose callsign suffix begins with ... , call now.

- **ALPHA** through **FOXTROT** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*
- **GOLF** through **LIMA** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*
- **MIKE** through **SIERRA** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*
- **TANGO** through **ZULU** *(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)*

This is <callsign>, Net Control Station. In cooperation with the National Weather Service, Tippecanoe County ARES is activating this SKYWARN net as part of the annual test of the statewide warning and communication system. This is only a TEST, and not an actual emergency. No severe weather threatens Tippecanoe County at this time.

Stations with packet capability are being requested to read the special SKYWARN TEST bulletin on W9TCA-1, the Tippecanoe County ARES packet BBS, on 145.05 MHz. ARES members are asked to follow the instructions contained in the special TEST bulletin.

If there are any stations **ALPHA** through **LIMA** who missed the initial check-in, call now.
(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)

Any stations **MIKE** through **ZULU** who missed the initial check-in, call now.
(Pause for check-ins. Acknowledge appropriately.)

If there are any announcements or traffic for this TEST SKYWARN net, call now.
(Pause, and acknowledge appropriately.)

Net Closing

This communications exercise is now terminated. We wish to thank the repeater owners and trustees for the use and availability of their systems, and we appreciate everyone who participated.

(For morning test ONLY, read the following paragraph. Evening test – skip.)

There will be another Test Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service between __:__ and __:__ p.m., local time, this evening. We will conduct another TEST SKYWARN net at that time and we encourage all stations in the area to participate.

This is <callsign>, Net Control Station for Tippecanoe County ARES closing the net at <time>, and returning the frequency to normal operation.

(Call ANCS and confirm number of participating stations.)

(Call the NWS Liaison station to give them the total number of net participants, specify the number of mobile stations, and indicate the duration of the net in minutes. They should be asked to pass this information on to the NCS of Central Indiana SKYWARN, if at all possible.)

(Send email to the EC, and the AEC for Operations (SKYWARN and Net Management), per procedures, with the details of the net report.)