

# DuPage County ARES Weather Practice Net Script

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## **General Instructions:**

< **NCS Role:** *The NCS will handle the overall net and take check in's, 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.*

**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 Dave KF9IO EC via email to [kf9io@arrl.net](mailto:kf9io@arrl.net) or by slack (#nets group) by the following FRIDAY. Hand-written logs are fine as long as they're reasonably readable (picture or scan). Thanks!**

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## NET SCRIPT

### Introduction:

**“Welcome to the DuPage County Weather Net. This is < NCS name & Call > in < city >. I am net control for today's net. This is a directed net. Transmit only when directed to do so by Net Control”.**

**“Stations with Emergency or Priority traffic for this net, call net control now.”**

*< NCS pauses. If any station calls with emergency or priority traffic, handle that traffic promptly >*

*<If NO station calls with emergency traffic: >* **“Nothing heard.”**

**“This net is a joint effort of the DuPage County Office of Emergency Management, the DuPage County Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs. We want to thank the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs for giving permission to use their repeater.**

**“The purpose of this net is to practice proper net procedures so that we are prepared to handle weather-related reporting when needed. The net will take check-in's, call stations with traffic, make announcements, and conclude with a final roll call to close the net. Unless you have declared yourself as a short timer, stay until final checkout. This is a safety procedure important in a real event. Some traffic and/or announcements may be presented in ICS-213 format. Be prepared to copy formal message traffic.”**

**<pause >**

**“This net is activated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1900 hours local unless preempted by severe weather, emergency or public service operations. The W9CCU repeater frequency is 444.475 MHz with a plus 5 MHz offset and a PL tone of 114.8 Hertz. The net is open for all licensed amateurs.” < NCS pause >**

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## Check-In:

**“We will now take check-ins. Please check in one at a time, giving your call sign phonetically slowly. AFTER Net Control acknowledges your call, state your name, location, if you are a trained spotter and if you have traffic. . If you cannot remain on this net until the checkout roll call, declare “short time” while checking in.””**

*< NCS pause >*

*< Acknowledge any remaining stations and log their information. When quiet, proceed with next section. >*

**“We will now call the stations who indicated they had traffic for the net.”**

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

## Final Check-In's, Roll Call and Net Sign off:

**“Are there any final check-in's for the DuPage County Weather Practice Net? Please come now.”**

*< NCS pauses, adds any late check-in's to the log. >*

**“This is<Your Call> I will now do the checkout roll call. “**

*< The NCS calls all stations that checked in except for short-time stations. >*

**“Thank you for participating in the net tonight and our thanks to Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs for the use of this repeater. This net will be activated again in two weeks on Tuesday at 1900 hours local time. The DuPage County Weather Net is now closed and the repeater is returned to normal amateur use. This is <Your Call>. for DuPage County Weather Net clear at *< current time >*.”**