

Benton County, MO



PRE-SET SCRIPT (1020 – 1030)

Things we know about the emergency... These bulleted points can be used prior to the SET. Feel free to improvise, but remember when sharing facts about the emergency, use “**EXERCISE. EXERCISE. EXERCISE.**”

- Heavy and sudden rains over the past couple of days have caused flash flooding in the low points of Benton County. The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Warning for Benton County.

[At 1030, a message from the EMA will come asking to begin an exercise net.]

SET SCRIPT

Sometime around 1030, Sam Henley, Emergency Management Deputy Director of the Benton County EMA, will officially ask the BC ARES Team to begin a support event. The SET activity is expected to last from 1030 to 1150 if there is enough participant support. The format is expected to follow the general time guidelines*:

- Top of the hour: Scenario Update, Check-Ins, and Re-Checks
- 15 & 45: Deployment and Activity Assignments
- Bottom of the hour: Scenario Update & Re-Checks

*Participation levels may cause timeline to be flexible. The above guidelines are in place to assist with planning and the expected scenario process.

1030 NET SCRIPT

Sam Henley: **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** This is Sam Henley, WB0EM operated by KE0LMY. I am the Emergency Management Deputy Director in Benton County, MO. As you may have seen on television news or listened to the last few minutes on this repeater, there has been a lot of sudden rain, which has led to flash flooding.

I am in coordination with the EMAs in surrounding counties and have been asked to have the Benton County EOC support their process. We are not sure what this will include, but I would like to begin to organize our resources.

Do we have a BC ARES operator who can begin a support net to assist with this effort? Are there any BC ARES operators who would like to volunteer?

[Roger KD0WXT will be net control and should volunteer.]

KD0WXT, please assume control of the net. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

[Roger confirms. Net will begin at 1030-ish.]

1030-ish NET SCRIPT for Roger Henley

Exercise. Exercise. Exercise. This is Roger Henley, KD0WXT, and I will be serving as Net Control for this BC ARES Exercise Net. This Simulated Emergency Test is being conducted on the WB0EM repeater, being transmitted on the frequency of 146.925 with an offset frequency of 146.325 and a PL tone of 107.2. Should something go wrong on this repeater, the net will switch to Simplex on the 147.480 until the repeater has been repaired.

Exercise. Exercise. Exercise. The purpose of this simulation is to help prepare and test area amateur radio operators for actual emergencies. In conducting operations for the SET, the scenario timeline is not based on actual time of an emergency and will include time jumps to accommodate the simulation environment.

During this exercise, it is important to test as much as we can. Not all radio actions require the participant to complete physical actions. We are allowed to simulate certain parts of the scenario! For example, if there is a request for a portable generator to be delivered to a location, the operator does not actually deliver a generator. They may travel to the location and report that a generator was delivered without actually delivering one.

This exercise will last through the morning and conclude at 1150, at which point all players may return to the EMA for the hot wash and lunch. However, should an actual emergency occur, this exercise will stop in support of the emergency. The words “**REAL WORLD EMERGENCY**” should be used by anyone who needs to stop the exercise, followed by your call sign and an explanation of the emergency.

This net has been activated. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** Because of the heavy and sudden rains Benton County has been experiencing recently, low areas in the county have been experiencing flash flooding. We do not know many details at this time, but we have communications with EMA officials and ARES members from other counties and will be sharing details as they come in.

In order to establish some structure, this net will begin with check-ins. We would ask that once you have checked in that you do a recheck if you have a location update or will be leaving the

net. Additionally, we would ask that you do not deploy to a location without first checking with Net Control and the Emergency Operations Center or EOC. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

We will be taking check-ins in a moment. When we do, we will ask for your name, callsign, location, if you have emergency power, and if you have the ability to go mobile. If you have a Handy-Talkie that can operate without being plugged in this counts as emergency power. If you have a mobile radio or Handy-Talkie and the ability to travel you count as having the ability to go mobile.

Before we begin, we need to identify an Alternate Net Control Operator. An alternate net control will be able to continue the net in case my station goes out of service. Please call now.

[Kelly Stanfield W0YQG should volunteer.]

Before we begin the check-in process, are there any stations with emergency traffic?

Nothing heard, let's begin with check-ins. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

1045-ISH NET SCRIPT

AT A TIME AROUND 1045, SAM HENLEY (KE0LMY) WILL BREAK IN WITH AN UPDATE AND A REQUEST TO NET CONTROL.

Sam Henley: This is Sam Henley, WB0EM, for a recheck. **[After Net Control recognizes you] Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** I have an update and a request. First, let me confirm what has been shared with the net; we are not in danger. We have been asked to help with recovery efforts for areas damaged by flash flooding. We will learn more as time goes on, but as of now the net will continue. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

1055-ISH NET SCRIPT

Roger Henley: **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** This is Net Control, KD0WXT. It is currently **[insert time]** and we have an update we need to share. We will continue check-ins after this update. Here is what we know so far...

- There has been a lot of sudden rain in Benton County.
- Because of this, a lot of low-lying areas are experiencing flash flooding.
- Many people have been displaced because of floods in their area.

This is what we know at this point. However, we should check in with the EMA to see if there is additional information. Let's go over to our backup NCO, Kelly W0YQG, for a weather update. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

[Kelly Stanfield W0YQG checks in and provides updates]

Kelly Stanfield: This is Kelly, W0YQG, with a weather update. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** We're in contact with our NWS partners in Springfield and Pleasant Hill. There is a storm developing over near Butler, MO and our partners at the Bates County EMA will provide us with updates as time goes by. I will call Net Control with any direct updates we get from the Bates County EMA or our partners at the NWS. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** Back to net control.

BACK TO NET CONTROL

Roger Henley: This is KD0WXT. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** Thank you for the update, Kelly. We will now check to see if we have any new check-ins. As a reminder, if something happens and you need to leave the net, please try to recheck and let the net know. Any stations that have not already checked into the net, please call now.

[Continue check-ins.]

[After a while, stop taking check-ins and move on to the next part]

Roger Henley: **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** We are going to start processing some EOC requests and send some operators to certain locations. We will need three teams for deployment. All three locations are within Benton County, which are as follows:

- Park & Ride in Cole Camp
- The Lincoln Police Department
- G&W Foods in Warsaw

We ask the deployed stations to travel to the locations and recheck with the net once there. Could we have a volunteer for Team Warsaw? Please call now. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

[Robert Harmon KE0TTL volunteers for Team Warsaw.]

Could we have a volunteer for Team Lincoln? Please call now. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

[Alex Cason KE0YGT volunteers for Team Lincoln.]

Could we have a volunteer for Team Cole Camp? Please call now. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

[Renee Cason KE0LMZ volunteers for Team Cole Camp. Acknowledge volunteers to be sent out.]

Exercise. Exercise. Exercise. We will now return to taking check-ins. If something happens and you need to leave the net, please try to recheck and let the net know. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

Any stations that have not already checked into the net, please call now.

1110 NET SCRIPT

Roger Henley: **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** This is KD0WXT. It is 1110. It's time for an update from Kelly. W0YQG, are you available?

[Throw out the Red Cross + Salvation Army part if Kelly can do an HF contact with Craig.]

Kelly Stanfield: This is Kelly Stanfield, W0YQG with an update. As mentioned earlier by Sam WB0EM, we have flash floods in the area that have displaced local residents. The Red Cross and the Salvation Army have been working this effort and expect to house around 100 people at each of the locations. **They also wanted to know about our ability to call on HF for comms beyond our region. Can we test our HF? Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** Back to Net Control.

Roger Henley: **(If we have set up an HF contact, ask alternate net control to assume control of the net while you make the HF contact.)** We would ask for stations returning to the net that they recheck if possible. We will be taking new check-ins for stations that have not checked in. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** Please call now.

1120 NET SCRIPT

Roger Henley: This is KD0WXT, Net Control Operator for the BC ARES Exercise Net. It is 1120. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** Can we have check-ins from our teams deployed throughout Benton County that have not checked back into the net? **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

[Team Warsaw passes a radiogram asking for supplies.]

1130 NET SCRIPT

[Kelly W0YQG checks in with an update.]

Kelly Stanfield: This is W0YQG with an update. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** The Red Cross and Salvation Army have gotten the shelters set up and are getting people settled in at the temporary shelters. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** Back to Net Control.

Roger Henley: Thanks, Kelly. Could you also give us an update on the weather situation?

Kelly Stanfield: The storm has headed off to our northeast and has bypassed the area. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** Back to Net Control.

Roger Henley: Thank you again, Kelly. We will begin asking for some status updates from our teams now. (Call each team and record their responses in turn.) **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

[Each Team checks in, first Team Warsaw; then Team Lincoln; then Team Cole Camp.]

1140 NET SCRIPT

Roger Henley: This is KD0WXT and it is 1140. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** It is a good time to see if there are any questions about all that we have done here today. We will have one final check-in and close out this net at 1150. Does anyone have any questions about what's happened? Please call now. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

[Answer any check-ins with questions that come up.]

We will have one final round of check-ins and close out this net at 1150. Before we wrap things up, we would like to thank the Benton County EMA and the Benton County CERT for their participation. We would also like to give them a moment to address the net. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.**

[Sam KE0LMY checks in and gives her parting words.]

1150 NET SCRIPT

Roger Henley: This is KD0WXT and it is 1150. **Exercise. Exercise. Exercise.** Thank you to everyone who checked in on this net and participated in the BC ARES Simulated Emergency Test. Thank you to the Benton County EMA for the use of the 146.925 repeater and the Emergency Communications Trailer. For those interested, a lunch invitation is open to everyone who participated. We will meet back at the EMA for the After Action Report and lunch. This concludes the net. The repeater is now returned to routine amateur use. 73, everyone!