Welcome to the Prince George's County Maryland ARES Training Net.

Your net control station is W3PGC with <_____________> <_____________>

Operating

Is the alternate net control station on the air? Please give your call phonetically.
(Pause for alternate. If the alternate responds, write down their call and skip next 3 lines) Alternate: <__________________>.
If the assigned alternate station does not respond; ask for an alternate...Is someone willing to act as alternate? Please call now.
<______________> is the alternate NCS for this net.

This net is held each Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM on the 145.230 repeater with a PL tone of 110.9, courtesy of The Prince George’s County Emergency Radio Association. The K3ERA repeater is located in District Heights, Maryland. The Net is also available on Echolink via the W3PGC-L node.

If the repeater should go off the air, everyone should switch to simplex mode on the repeater output frequency, increase power and continue the net. The Net Control Op will then call for check-ins and ask for relays if necessary to restart/resume the net.

The purpose of this net is to encourage interest in, and to provide information for and about the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) in Prince George’s County Maryland.

All amateurs are welcome. You do not have to be a member of ARES to join this net.

ARES provides communications services to served agencies during emergencies and public service events. ARES is not affiliated with any local club or group and is under the direction of the ARRL appointed Emergency Coordinator (EC). The EC for Prince George’s County Maryland is Jim Montgomery, WB3KAS.

The URL for our webpage is PGARES dot ORG.

Our Internet forum can be found on Google Groups. The name of the group is PGARES, all one word. Our Facebook page can be found at Facebook/PG ARES RACES.
This is a Training Net, therefore participating stations are encouraged to record the call signs of all check-ins. Because, if NCS and Alternate go off the air, you may have to serve as NCS.

This is a directed net. Please address all transmissions to the Net Control Station - W3PGC.

Is there any priority or emergency traffic? Please give your call phonetically. Ask for relays for priority or emergency traffic.

Are there any mobiles stations or stations on independent power that wish to check in? (ask if they want to make comments now or later)

At this time, the net will take check-ins from ARRL elected and appointed officials in the Maryland/DC Section. Please give your call phonetically, your first name and your position. This is W3PGC. (pause for check-ins)

At this time, the net will take check-ins from Liaison Stations from the Hospital Coalition, MARS, SHARES, SATERN, SKYWARN or other MDC ARES jurisdictions. Please give your call phonetically, first name and position. This is W3PGC. (pause for check-ins)

I'll now Echolink Check-ins. Please give your call phonetically, first name and location. Please call in groups of four. This is W3PGC.

I'll now take general check-ins. Please give your call phonetically, first name and location. Please call in groups of four. This is W3PGC.
Is there a Training Topic this evening? This is W3PGC.
(pause for station to bring up training topic. This is usually done by the PGARES EC, Jim Montgomery, WB3KAS) If a topic is not mentioned go right to next section.

We will now take announcements, comments, or questions.
(NCS first, then Alt NCS then other stations in order of check-in).

After the first round of comments are complete check for additional check in's.
(log all new check in’s then ask for comments in the order they checked in)

Is there any station that would like to make a second round of comments? If so please answer now with your call.

We wish to thank the Prince George’s County Emergency Radio Association for the use of this repeater. Thank you all for your participation. This net is now secure and the repeater is now returned to regular use.
This is W3PGC, Net Control, {YOURCALL}, {FIRST NAME}, clear and Good Night.

Tips for Net Control
● Use a cell phone or WWV-synchronized clock to determine the exact time to start the net (1930L).
● If neither the NCS or alternate starts the net within 5 minutes, anyone may start the net.
● W3PGC is the NCS call sign.

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