

Net Preamble for MEMA Region #2 RACES Nets
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Is there any further traffic for the frequency before beginning the Massachusetts Sector ____ MEMA Emergency Communications net? This is WC1MAB. OVER.

Before we begin, is there any Emergency Traffic on this frequency? This is net control station, WC1MAB at MEMA Region 2 Headquarters OVER.

<Handle all Emergency Traffic first or “Nothing Heard...”>

Good evening. My name is _____, my personal callsign is <Your personal callsign> and I will be your net control this evening operating under the station call of WC1MAB.

<Drop Carrier>

Calling the Massachusetts Sector ____ Emergency Communications net, Calling the Massachusetts Sector ____ Emergency Communications net. This net meets Monthly on this frequency on the First Monday of every month at <net time> and during MEMA requested activations. The purpose of this net, is to test communication capabilities between State and local governments and as a training tool for Amateur Radio Operators involved in RACES and ARES.

Break – More to Follow <Drop Carrier to avoid timeout and allow for EMERGENCY Traffic>

Our first call will be for RACES and HOSPITAL stations only. Stations checking in as RACES and hospital stations will be testing communications capability on behalf of local governments and hospitals with the expectation that any problems will be reported to the appropriate agency within 24 hours or sooner as requested. This is WC1MAB. Break, Role Call follows.

<Check in towns in a role call fashion note if they are operating from their EOC or from another location. Once roll call checkin is complete. Ask for any hospital stations on the net to identify and make note of them.>

This is WC1MAB, net control for the Massachusetts Sector ____ Emergency Communications Net. We will now conduct a simplex communication test. This test will be followed by a call for general checkins. All RACES and HOSPITAL Stations are asked to switch to the repeater output channel. I will give one simplex test call and will begin a role call on the repeater of RACES and Hospital stations. Stations should respond to their callsign. Participating stations are asked to report the results of this test during the comment round of the net. Net control is now switching to Simplex.

<Switch to Simplex and give one test call>

This is WC1MAB with a Simplex Test on the Sector __ net. WC1MAB is now switching back to repeater operation for a roll call. All other stations please remain in simplex mode.

<Return to Repeater Operation>

<Check in towns and hospitals in a role call fashion. On Completion, request that a list of stations heard be sent to WC1MAB@gmail.com along with the listening station location for emergency planning purposes.>

Net control will now take check-ins for any other stations wishing to check in to the net, ARES, Skywarn or MARS stations please list indicate your affiliation or organizational position if possible. When checking in, please say "This is and allow the repeater to drop" <Drop repeater> to check on doubling. Then give your callsign, name and location. Other Stations Please Call Now.

<Make note of stations checking in. This is important as recurring checkins from a town not currently represented in RACES/ARES may indicate an operator we could approach about working with their town.>

This is <your call> net control for the Massachusetts Sector ____ RACES Net.

<Make any announcements that may be of interest to the net and its operators>

<If time permits, a round of comments may take place at this time using the role list of ALL checked in stations. This would be the time for stations to let people know the results of the Simplex test as well as voice comments or concerns.>

Is there any further business for the net before we close? This is WC1MAB.

<If nothing is heard continue...>

This has been the Massachusetts Sector _____ Emergency Communications net which meets regularly on the first Monday of the month at <time> and during emergencies. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency would like to thank the trustees of the repeater system <if applicable> for it's use, and to those that checked in or stood by during the net for their cooperation.

This is <your call> clear at <Local Time>.