

MERT D-STAR NET PREAMBLE

01/23/2025

D-STAR Repeater KK4DFC at 146.790 MHz

10 min and 5 min prior to Net: Calling All Stations, Calling All Stations – The MERT D-Star NET will start in _____ minutes

19:30 HRS

Calling All Stations - does anyone need to use this repeater before the MARION COUNTY EMERGENCY RADIO TEAM net begins? Good evening everyone. This is _____ (first name), station _____ and I will be the Net Control Operator for tonight's MERT D-STAR net on KK4DFC_Freq. 146.790 MHz.

Is there any emergency or priority traffic for the net? If so, please come now. *****

Anyone having an announcement, please say CONTACT and wait to be recognized. *****

This is a weekly Training Net. Please do not engage in radio traffic that is not part of the NET, and thank you for following all instructions of the Net Control Operator.

Next weeks Net Control Operator is _____. Is that station available to back up tonight's net?

If no traffic is heard on this frequency and no one replies, confirm another operator hears you. If not, assume the repeater is offline and move to backup KG4NXO VHF (alternate D-STAR repeater) at 145.170 MHz to start/continue the Net.

We will be using the Quick Key format to check in tonight. Key your radio or dongle for one second only when the frequency is clear. Please space your check in's as not to cause tailgating. Wait one full second after the beep before transmitting. Net Control will acknowledge all quick-key check-ins seen. If your station is not acknowledged this round, be patient, and Net Control will ask for additional check-ins in the next round. When called upon use the proper phonetic alphabet to give your call sign, name and location or community. I will begin taking check-ins, please quick key now. *****

All stations, Round 2 for Quick Key check ins, please come now. *****

Final call. Are there any stations that I have missed or are late, please quick-key now or check in by voice call. *****

With no further contacts, this concludes the D-STAR check in Net.

Ok, let's review this weeks Winlink practice messages. We had a total of _____ and the weekly challenge was _____ (describe the Challenge or read questions and answers. Announce the total number of stations participating, then specific stations who participated, also detail how did they send their Winlink message (VARA, ARDOP, packet, Telnet). Thank all for participating and encourage everyone to join in weekly.

Were there any stations that were not identified as passing Winlink messages? If so, please come now.

Are there any additional comments or suggestions before we close the net?

ALL MERT members are encouraged to report this weeks' volunteer time in **MERT**Trak asap.

If you are interested in being a Net Control Station for this net, please contact Harlan Cook, KN4VRM at 210-331-3240.

Thank you for your participation tonight. ALL Amateur Radio Operators are invited to become Members of the Marion County Emergency Radio Communications Team. Meetings are held each Wednesday at the Marion County Emergency Operations Center starting at 0900 hours. ALL Amateur Radio Operators are invited to attend.

The CERT/MERT net will be on KJ4CLL, freq. 145.330 MHz. and will begin at 20:00 hours (8:00 PM) This is _____ (station) closing the MERT D-STAR and Winlink Training Nets and returning the repeater to normal use at: (time) _____.

CERT NET PREAMBLE

Change radio to repeater KJ4CLL at 145.330 MHz

Announce 10 min and 5 min prior to Net: Calling All Stations, Calling All Stations - The CERT / MERT Net will start on this repeater in _____Minutes

Calling All Stations - does anyone need to use this frequency before the CERT / MERT net begins?****

Good Evening. This is _____ (name) _____ (station) serving as tonights Net Control Station for the CERT MERT net on KJ4CLL repeater, frequency 145.330 MHz. The backup repeater is K4GSO on 146.610 MHz. We thank the Silver Springs Radio Club for permission to use it if necessary. All CERT Amateur Radio Operators are encouraged to participate and let others know about our Net. Anyone having an announcement, please say CONTACT and wait to be recognized. *****

This net will last approximately 15 minutes and be conducted by roll call procedures. Please monitor the channel for traffic before transmitting. When your station is called, thank you for providing your call sign, name, location and a signal quality report. CERT Stations please identify the CERT community you live in. ROLL CALL BEGINS NOW:*****

Read off the call signs on the CERT list. Upon finish, acknowledge any stations who sent Winlink Test Messages and provide the answers to the Challenge..... then continue with script.....

Are there any additional CERT stations or Visitors wishing to check in, please say CONTACT and your call sign. When acknowledged please give NAME, CALL SIGN, LOCATION or CERT COMMUNITY AND SIGNAL QUALITY REPORT. Please come now.

That completes the roll call. I want to compliment all the CERT Stations for their participation tonight and invite them back for next week's Net.

Please write down any stations checking in who are not on the CERT list and send them to Harlan Cook so they can be included in future CERT roll calls.

I will now ask all MERT stations to check in by roll call procedures. I will begin with.....

That completes the MERT roll call. Are there any additional MERT, CERT or visitor stations that I have missed or are late? Please say CONTACT and your call sign. When acknowledged give NAME, CALL SIGN, LOCATION and SIGNAL QUALITY REPORT. Please come now.

Please write down any stations checking in who are not on the MERT list and send them to Harlan Cook so they can be included in future MERT roll calls.

Hearing none, are there any announcements or comments before the Net is closed?*****

This is a good time to mention anything of interests to you.... Or MERT Special Events and upcoming activities so CERT and MERT can learn about them... or attend.

ALL MERT members are encouraged to report this weeks' volunteer time in **MERT**Trak asap.

This is _____(name), _____(station) Net Control Operator for the CERT/MERT KJ4CLL net. Thank you for your participation! All CERT Members and HAM's are invited to visit the MERT radio room at the Marion County Emergency Operations Center any Wednesday from 9:00 am till noon for assistance with radio operation, programing and general amateur radio activities.

The MERT, CERT and ARES Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month at the MCSO EOC beginning at 10:00 am and are open to all HAM's and the General Public.

73 and Good Evening to all. This CERT / MERT net is now closed and is returned to regular amateur radio use. _____(station) clear.

Lettering in Green is for informational purposes and need not be read over the air.

NOTE: Net Control Operators, remember to log into and complete each activity below:

- 1. Open Winlink, create and send the ICS-309 Winlink Messages report to Harlan Cook.**
- 2. Go to KG4NXO.com and complete the "NET CONTROL REPORT" password is mert123**
- 3. The Marion County ARES and SKYWARN page at : aresmcf.org/netreport/ and log in the information requested, ie name, call sign, date, type of event, time spent, including prep time, and number of participants.**