

2026 South County ARES Net Script for SIMPLEX Operations

(Revised by K6PMM Net Manager, December 30, 2025)

Check the repeater frequencies and remind any current traffic on either, that there is an upcoming ARES SIMPLEX net. Make the announcement about 10 minutes prior to the start of the net."

Good evening, everyone. Before we get started, I would like to remind everyone to turn your squelch down to its lowest possible setting that still allows you to operate without static or interference.

This is *{name and callsign}*, net control for this evening's South County ARES Simplex net. This is a directed net and permission to pass traffic should be obtained from this net control. This net may be interrupted at any time for priority or emergency traffic. *(unkey)*

This SIMPLEX Net happens on the last Tuesday of every month at 1930 hours local time. We will utilize W6GGF-VHF SIMPLEX frequency of 147.825 MHz. *(unkey)*

In the event of a W6GGF-VHF or -UHF repeater outage, emergency communications in South County will be conducted using the output or simplex frequency for either repeater. This practice net is designed for just such an occurrence. *(unkey)*

The purpose of these simplex nets is to train a cadre of experienced net control operators and allow our members to practice without using a repeater. Volunteers are welcome to be trained as the Net Control Station. Contact Pat Moore at K6PMM@ARRL.Net if you are interested in becoming a net control operator. *(unkey)*

As a reminder to be prepared for communication emergencies, we suggest checking your communication equipment making sure your radio equipment is properly programmed and operational, and both your primary and back-up battery sources are functional and fully charged. Frequency lists and our South County Frequency Code plug can be found on the GVARC website at www.GVARC.net under the frequency tab. *(unkey)*

Before we begin general check-ins, I would like to give the opportunity for the Emergency Coordinators for Morgan Hill and Gilroy to check. Will the *{Morgan Hill or Gilroy}* Emergency Coordinator check in now. *(unkey)*

Acknowledge and thank each EC for checking in and acknowledge any traffic they may have.

This is *{name and callsign}*, net control for this evening's South County ARES Simplex net. We will now begin General Check-ins. Remember to state your call slowly and phonetically, your name, your city, and if you have traffic. As a reminder about simplex nets, the net control may not hear weak stations. The Net Control Operator will acknowledge each station they hear. The Net Control Operator may ask a reporting station in the north or south ends of the valley to call for and relay any stations that have not been acknowledged. Let's begin with the first 5 stations, please check in now. *(unkey)*

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Accept and acknowledge each station checking in. Check with net participants for any weak stations. Invite more stations to check in, five call signs at a time, until no more are heard.

This is *{name and callsign}*, net control for this evening's South County SIMPLEX ARES net. This is the last call for any stations wishing to check in or any relays for weak stations. Please go now. *(unkey)*

Accept and acknowledge each station checking in.

Is there any further business or stations requiring traffic after the net? Identify with only your call. *(unkey)*

Facilitate discussion. Watch clock. Draw the net to a close by 8PM. Make sure someone will report the counts to the SVECS net.

We had *{count}* stations check in tonight. This is *{name and call}* now securing the net at *{XXXX}* hours. Good evening, everyone and thank you for your participation. We now return the repeater to normal operation. *{your callsign}*

REVISION CONTROL:

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DATE
1	Created script for simplex net.	3-09-23
2	Updated language in the script.	3-28-23
3	Updated language based off of the first simplex net experience.	4-11-2023
4	Updated language based off feedback from of the first simplex net experience.	4-25-2023
5	Updated the process for checking in	5-30-2023
6	Updated based on practical run through.	5-31-2023
7	Updated verbiage: simplified and shortened.	1-23-2024
8	Updated verbiage by decreasing some and adding additional information for increased clarity.	2-11-2025
9	Updated the verbiage for brevity and clarity.	12-30-2025