



Prairie Voice 2025

Steve Warner, WA9SWW
Section Emergency Coordinator
Illinois Section
August 9, 2025

INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 201)

1. Incident Name: Prairie Voice 2025	2. Incident Number: 0825	3. Date/Time Initiated: Date: 08/09/2025 Time: 08:30 - 02:00 P
4. Map/Sketch (include sketch, showing the total area of operations, the incident site/area, impacted and threatened areas, overflight results, trajectories, impacted shorelines, or other graphics depicting situational status and resource assignment): Prairie Voice 2025 ARES/AUXCOMM statewide communication exercise ARES LOGO HERE 		
5. Situation Summary and Health and Safety Briefing (for briefings or transfer of command): Recognize potential incident Health and Safety Hazards and develop necessary measures (remove hazard, provide personal protective equipment, warn people of the hazard) to protect responders from those hazards. Wear weather appropriate clothing. . Stay hydrated, have adequate food available		
6. Prepared by: Name: <u>Steve Warner</u> Position/Title: <u>ARES SEC</u> Signature: _____		
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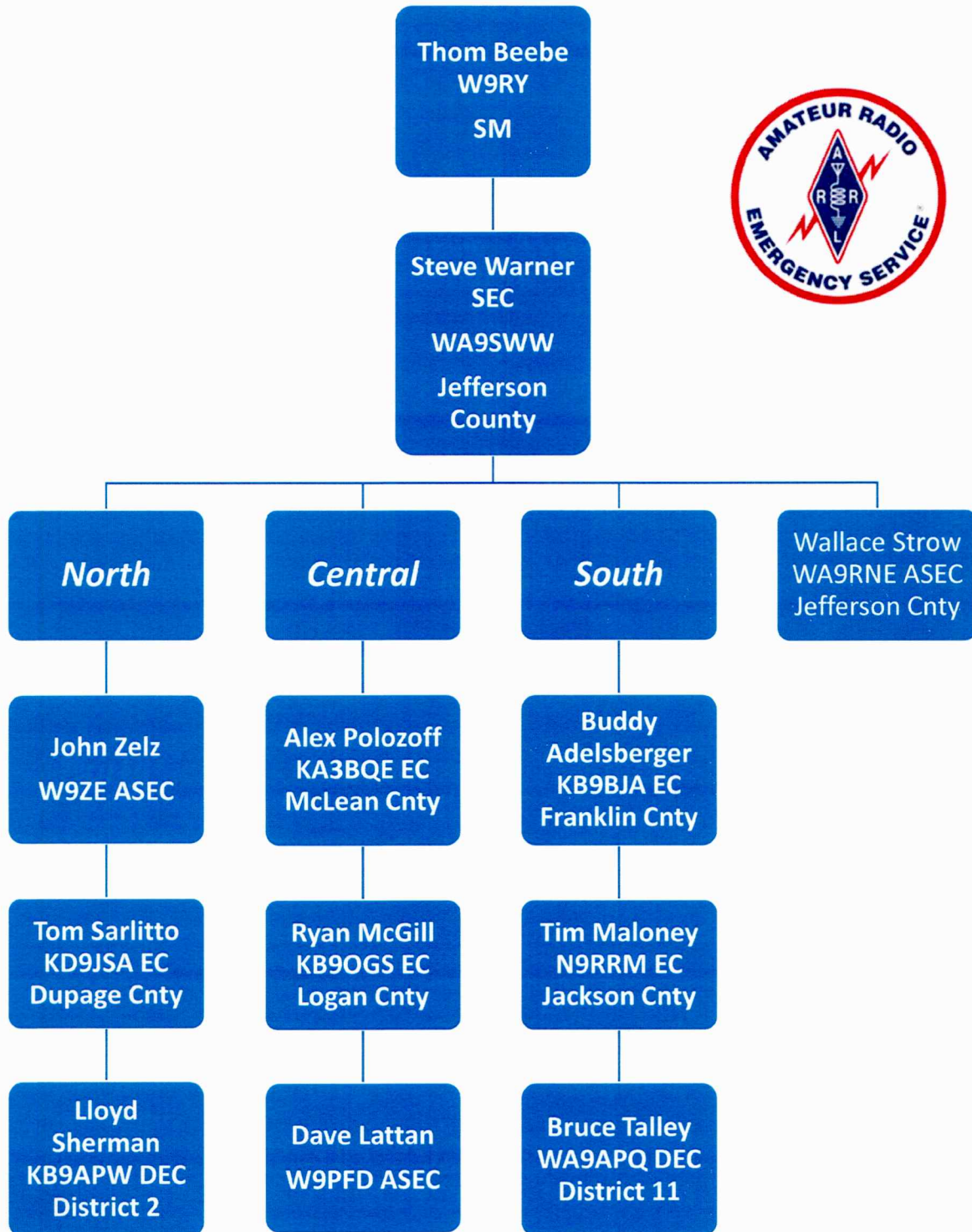
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9. Current Organization (fill in additional organization as appropriate): Incident Commander(s) Steve Warner ARES SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR Liaison Officer Safety Officer JIM HERTENSTEIN Public Information Officer KEITH HERTENSTEIN Operations Section Chief NICK SKAGGS Planning Section Chief WALLY STROW Logistics Section Chief STEVE OGDEN Finance/Admin Section Chief		
See Additional Training and Exercise Committee Organization Chart.		
6. Prepared by: Name: <u>Steve Warner</u> Position/Title: <u>ARES SEC</u> Signature: _____		
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Illinois Section ARES
Training & Exercise Committee
March 2025



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10. Resource Summary:					
Resource	Resource Identifier	Date/Time Ordered	ETA	Arrived	Notes (location/assignment/status)
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6. Prepared by: Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____					
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INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

1. Incident Name: Prairie Voice 2025	2. Operational Period: Date From: 8/9/25 Date To: 8/9/25 Time From: 08:00 AM Time To: 02:00 PM															
3. Objective(s): The Prairie Voice 2025 communication exercise is a statewide communication exercise to test the ability of amateur radio operators to communicate in a simulated disaster situation and pass messages statewide using various modes and frequencies. We also will test the ability to test interoperability with the Illinois National Guard, Illinois Emergency Agency and other state or federal agencies																
4. Operational Period Command Emphasis: The primary emphasis will be the 2 meter simplex message relay from south to north. This could be important in the event that atmospheric conditions or other events would render normal high frequency unavailable																
General Situational Awareness																
5. Site Safety Plan Required? Yes ☐ No ☒ Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:																
6. Incident Action Plan (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan): <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"><tr><td style="width: 33%;">☐ ICS 203</td><td style="width: 33%;">☐ ICS 207</td><td style="width: 34%;"><u>Other Attachments:</u></td></tr><tr><td>☐ ICS 204</td><td>☐ ICS 208</td><td>☐ _____</td></tr><tr><td>☒ ICS 205</td><td>☐ Map/Chart</td><td>☐ _____</td></tr><tr><td>☐ ICS 205A</td><td>☐ Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents</td><td>☐ _____</td></tr><tr><td>☐ ICS 206</td><td></td><td>☐ _____</td></tr></table>		☐ ICS 203	☐ ICS 207	<u>Other Attachments:</u>	☐ ICS 204	☐ ICS 208	☐ _____	☒ ICS 205	☐ Map/Chart	☐ _____	☐ ICS 205A	☐ Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents	☐ _____	☐ ICS 206		☐ _____
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7. Prepared by: Name: SW Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____																
8. Approved by Incident Commander: Name: Steve Warner Signature: _____																
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INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

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4. Basic Radio Channel Use:										
Zone Grp.	Ch #	Function	Channel Name/Trunked Radio System Talkgroup	Assignment	RX Freq N or W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Freq N or W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode (A, D, or M)	Remarks
N		2 METER SIMPLEX N	ARES/AUXCOM				146.475		A	NORTH ZONE SIMPLEX
C		2 METER SIMPLEX C	ARES/AUXCOM				146.550		A	CENTRAL ZONE SIMPLEX
S		2 METER SIMPLEX S	ARES/AUXCOM				146.580		A	SOUTHERN ZONE SIMPLEX
N		HF DATA NORTH ZONE	ARES/AUXCOM				3.585		D	
C		HF DATA CENTRAL ZONE	ARES/AUXCOM				3.565		D	
S		HF DATA SOUTH ZONE	ARES/AUXCOM				3.560		D	
SW		CW STATEWIDE	ARES/AUXCOM				7.114		A	STATEWIDE CW TRAFFIC
SW		CW STATEWIDE	ARES/AUXCOM				3.538		A	STATEWIDE CW TRAFFIC
5. Special Instructions: Winlink address: ILEASWIn.Link@ileas.org Steve Warner cell 618-315-0968 Email wa9sww@gmail.com Zoom Link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81015482539?pwd=oKyOLQstMI5MV1ZhF98DJ8u4M7jYe8.1 TEAMS video conference link:										
6. Prepared by (Communications Unit Leader) Name: <u>Steve Warner</u>									Signature: _____	
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N		SSB HF North Zone	ARES/AUXCOM		7.217				A	
N		SSB HF North Zone	ARES/AUXCOM		3.935				A	
C		SSB HF CENTRAL ZONE	ARES/AUXCOM		7.237				A	
C		SSB HF CENTRAL ZONE	ARES/AUXCOM		3.915				A	
S		SSB HF SOUTH ZONE	ARES/AUXCOM		7.247				A	
S		SSB HF SOUTH ZONE	ARES/AUXCOM		3.925				A	
SW		SSB HF STATEWIDE	ARES/AUXCOM		7.227				A	NC9IL
SW		SSB HF STATEWIDE	ARES/AUXCOM		3.905				A	NC9IL
5. Special Instructions:										
6. Prepared by (Communications Unit Leader) Name: Steve Warner ARES SEC.									Signature:	
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JCP / ITECS Team #1

Scenario: New Madrid Earthquake response communications plan.

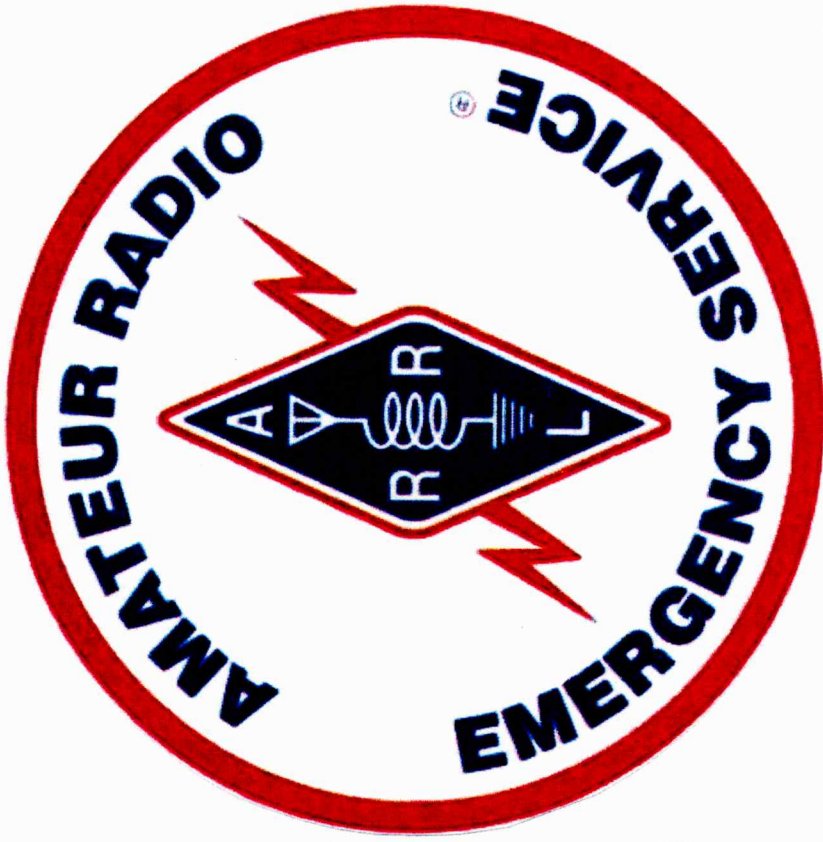
Primary Objective: Establish COMMS with Guard units.

- Drone Footage Transfer
- Satellite Video & Voice
- AuxComm
- HF Operation
- Contact Regional PSAPs
- ISP IREACH testing
- Low Band Point to Point testing
- P.A.C.E. Plan testing

Triggers / Artificialities / Simulation

1. Begin Exercise
2. Starcom 21 down
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Timeline:
August 09
0800-1600
*NC9IL Statewide
Check-in
*IL ARES CW Net
August 10
0800-1600
*2M Simplex Message
Relay South - North
Deliver to ILNG
*HF WinLink Message
Deliver to ILNG



Participants	ICT Position*	Equipment
IL ARES	multiple	multi.
Various ARES groups statewide		

POC & Location Info
Statewide participation
Steven Warner WA9SWW
Section Emergency
Cordinator
Phone: 618.315.0968
Physical Address: wa9sww@gmail.com
7149 North Highway 37
GPS if known: Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Logistics:

Self-contained base and mobile operations

* Information Communications and Technology (ICT) Branch position. Also, include (t) if participant is working on a Position Task Book for the position.

PRAIRIE VOICE 2025

Introduction

ARES – Illinois Section

Steve Warner, WA9SWW
7-15-2025

Current and Planned Actions, Strategies, and Tactics

The Prairie Voice 2025 Exercise is a joint exercise between the Illinois Section ARES/AUXCOM, the Illinois National Guard, the Illinois State Police, ILEAS, MARS, SHARES and other served agencies. This exercise allows the amateur radio community within Illinois to demonstrate their ability to use various modes of communication on different frequencies to pass simulated emergency messages statewide. I highly encourage ALL licensed amateur radio operators to participate in this joint exercise. Membership in a formal ARES group is not required. The exercise plan will be posted on arrl-il.org. Please review this plan and join us in making this a great success.

73,

Steve Warner, WA9SWW

ARES Section Emergency Coordinator-Illinois Section

Current and Planned Actions, Strategies, and Tactics

SATURDAY, August 9, 2025

8:00 AM

Begin Exercise

Start 2 meter FM simplex message relay from South Zone to North Zone. The assigned frequency is 146.520 MHz. This relay exercise will continue until the message is delivered.

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

NC9IL Statewide check-in frequency is 7.227 MHz.

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

By Zone: 2 meter repeater nets, **use wide area repeaters within each zone.** If a GMRS repeater is available in your area, put out a call there also. After the check-in portion of the net, net control stations should QSY to the zone assigned simplex frequency and call again for check-ins and relays.

North	146.475 MHz
Central	146.550 MHz
South	146.580 MHz

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Illinois Digital Net check-ins. W9FE/K9SX Net Controls.

ILLINOIS LINK Wires x 21565

BRANDMEISTER DMR 31171

TGIF DMR 31171

DMR+ REFLECTOR 4636

P25 31171

NXDN 3117

ALLSTAR LINK 42810

YSF REFLECTOR ILLINOIS LINK 83132

DSTAR XLX 334G, DCS 334G, XRF 334G, XLX 312G

Current and Planned Actions, Strategies, and Tactics

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

CW Traffic Net. K9TJL Net Control frequency is 7.114 MHz.

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Illinois National Guard Interoperability Exercise (TBA).

and/or

WinLink message traffic handling.

12:00 NOON

NC9IL Statewide check-in frequency is 7.227 MHz.

followed by

After Action Hotwash via W9RY ZOOM.

ASSESSMENT

Illinois ARES Zone Map with Frequencies

North Zone
Districts 2, 3, & 4

HF Voice
3935 LSB
7217 LSB
HF Data
3585 USB
CF 3586.5
2M Voice
146.475

Central Zone
Districts 6 & 7

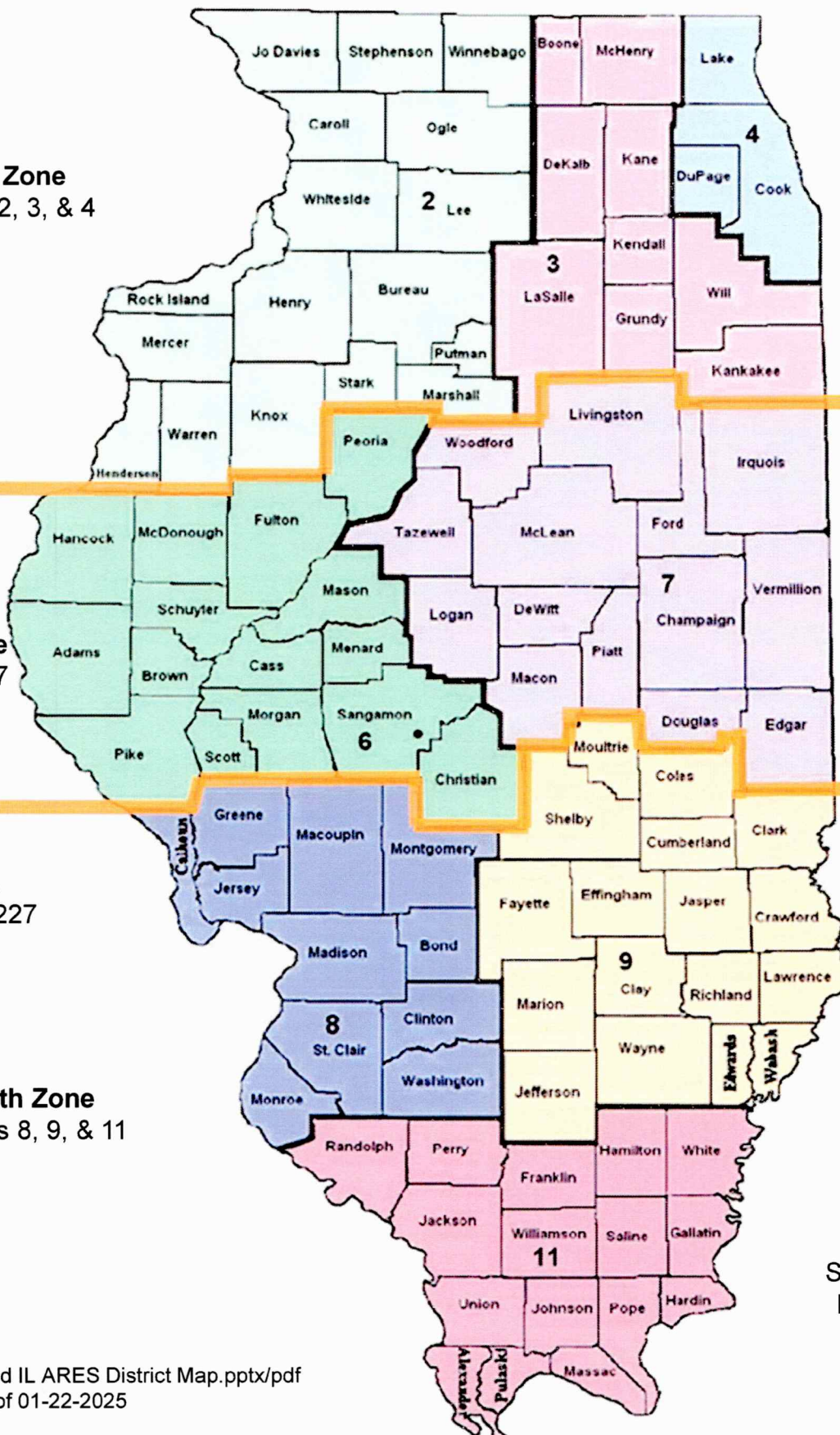
HF Voice
3915 LSB
7237 LSB
HF Data
3565 USB
CF 3566.5
2M Voice
146.550

NC9IL
3.905 / 7.227

South Zone
Districts 8, 9, & 11

HF Voice
3925 LSB
7247 LSB
HF Data
3560 USB
CF 3561.5
2M Voice
146.580

Statewide CW
Frequencies
3.538/7.114



Sample Preamble

Is the frequency busy?

This is *(your name and call)*, the Net Control for the Amateur Radio Prairie Voice 2025 exercise.

I am located in *(city and zone)*. All ARES/AUXCOMM and interested amateurs are invited to participate.

I will now take check-ins and stations with traffic. Call now.

ARCOM/ARES COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE
PRAIRIE VOICE 2025

Tentative Sign-in Sheet

<i>Name</i>	<i>Call Sign</i>
Steve Warner	WA9SWW
Becky Warner	WA9BEC
Nick Skaggs	N9BIG
Wally Strow	WA9RNE
Thomas Beebe	W9RY
Bill Shrode	KC9TFD
Steve Ogden	KC9JFN
Ken Sisk	KB9IYA
Keith Kone	KE4SUN
Alan Jolly	KB9AA
Geoff Smith	KD9OWR
David Stout	KD9OWQ
James Hertenstein	WT9K
Keith Hertenstein	KB9HOC
Jim Bell	KB9ZBW
John Tucker	KD9NTC