

DFW Metroplex Late Traffic Net

21:30 on 146.72 MHz/WA5CKF PL 110.9

One to two minutes before the net is scheduled to begin, ask if anyone needs to use the repeater, and if so, let them do so. At 21:30 open the net with the preamble.

Preamble

Welcome to the DFW Metroplex Late Traffic Net. My name is <name>, my callsign <callsign>, and I will be your net control station. This net is a local affiliate of the ARRL's National Traffic System. Our purposes are to move traffic into and out of the DFW area through the NTS and to provide training to those stations interested in traffic handling. We welcome all licensed stations to participate.

This is a directed net; therefore, please do not transmit without direction from net control. We ask that you use ITU phonetics and please ID at the end of all transmissions. Stations that need to check out of the net should do so by rechecking with net control, indicating their need to secure, and also indicating what should be done with any listed traffic. Stations with emergency or priority traffic may enter the net at any time using the prosign BREAK-BREAK, followed by their callsign. Are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic?

<Pause for any stations with emergency or priority traffic>

Order of business

Liaison check-ins

- Alternate Net Control Station (ANC)
- Texas CW Net (TEX)
- Texas Traffic Net (TTN)
- 7290 Traffic Net (7290)
- Digital (DIGITAL)
- DFW Early (EARLY)
- ARES/RACES

Stations with traffic check-ins

Take a list of check-ins from stations wishing to list traffic with the net, using callsigns only, and ITU phonetics only.

General check-ins

Take a list of check-ins from stations wishing to participate in the net, using callsigns only, and ITU phonetics only.

All stations checking into the net should be regarded as traffic handlers, and eligible to be called upon to handle traffic. Any station called upon who declines to handle traffic, without good cause, should have their check-in stricken from the net's check-in list, and their callsign should not be included in the net report. Note that checking in mobile or portable is NOT good cause for declining traffic. NCSs should consider mobile stations as outlets of last resort, and only assign traffic to them if there is no other traffic handler from any area available to take it.

After approximately 21:45, stop asking for stations with traffic. Any stations who check in wishing to list traffic after 21:45 should be asked to hold their traffic for a future net.

Traffic Handling

Handle traffic in the following order, and using liaisons in the specified order, as available:

- **Incoming local traffic:** Closest available traffic handler to recipient address
- **Traffic for other cities in Texas:** 7290, DIGITAL, TTN, TEX
- **Out of state traffic:** DIGITAL, 7290, TTN, TEX

Bulletins and announcements

Ask if there are any stations who would like to give bulletins or announcements. If there are, let them do so.

Reports

If any stations are listing reports for the Net Manager or the Section Traffic Manager, have them pass them. Reports to the Net Manager should be passed to the Asst. Net Manager if he or she is checked in and the Net Manager is not.

Remember to ask for general check-ins throughout the net. Any traffic not passed can be carried over to the DFW Metroplex Early Traffic net via the DFW Early Liaison. When all traffic that can be passed has been, all other business has been completed, and there are no further check-ins, read the postamble and close the net.

Postamble

That will conclude this session of the DFW Metroplex Late Traffic Net. All stations are invited to call us on the air following the net if you have any questions. You can find out more information about this net and how to contact the net managers and ARRL Section Traffic Manager by visiting our website at www.dfwtrafficnet.org.

The Early edition of the traffic net will meet tomorrow at 18:30 on the W5FC repeater which is at 146.88 MHz with a PL tone of 110.9. This net will meet again tomorrow evening at 21:30 on this repeater with a different net control.

Does anyone have any questions or need any fills?

<Pause for any stations requesting fills>

I would like to thank all stations for their participation, and thanks to the Irving Amateur Radio Club for the use of their repeater, WA5CKF. This is <callsign> closing the net at <24-hour format time> and returning the repeater to normal amateur radio use.

Please remember to record the number of minutes the net was in session, the number of check-ins (including yourself) and the number of messages passed, and send the Net Manager or Asst. Net Manager your net report within 48 hours after the net.