

Appendix K

EMERGENCY NET ACTIVATION

Road and Weather Net (On following pages)

The 145.150 (-) offset, 100.0 PL) repeater will be the primary repeater upon activation. If repeaters are not operational **LISTEN according to the Assigned Frequency List - Appendix M**

The Emergency Coordinator or Acting Emergency Coordinator will call up the Net at Level III – Monitoring Phase (Plan page 12) and officially open the net. **The script is the EXCEL file at Appendix Z.** In the absence of the EC or AEC the first operator to monitor will become the acting Net Control Station (NCS). NCS is to take control of the situation and the net operations and handle the traffic. Keep the traffic flowing, gather situation reports, maintain order. Provide what information he/she has and have someone start to notify key personnel in any way possible. Club membership lists, ARES/RACES lists or by whatever means is working at the time.

Remember to identify yourself using your call sign at the end of your contact and/or every 10 minutes of your continuous contact. Roll call should be taken at least once an hour, if possible every thirty minutes.

At lulls in net activity, repeat the preamble and ask for additional check-ins.

Logistics Net Control Station (NCS) will keep an accurate resource log of stations on the net.

- The capabilities of those stations and their assignment.
- Names and call signs of all people at each station.
- When stations were passed off to different nets and when they returned.
- Traffic being passed
- Type of traffic
- Who had it and who it was passed to
- Log informal communications as pertinent.
- Additional nets or frequencies in use.
- Open and close other nets and assign NCS to them as required.
- Keep a list of operational frequencies and what they are being used for.

As more operators become aware of the emergency a change of command will take place. Don't be offended if you are relieved but be aware that as the incident builds the organization will expand and contract to meet the needs. Be prepared to give your replacement a full and complete briefing.

WESTERN KERN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE (ARES) ROAD AND WEATHER NET 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR OPERATORS

Thank you for participating in the annual Road and Weather Net. This net is a **NATIONALLY** known service and could not be done without your donated time and effort. This service is provided by ARES members. Part 97 rules do apply.

This is an **INFORMAL NET** and would only become formal in the case of an emergency or priority situation. This net is organized as a public service effort providing the usual friendly assistance local hams, such as yourself, are famous for. It will be activated as needed during holidays and emergency weather situations. The "situations" that may occur are: accidents, lost motorist, weather reports and road conditions. The following procedures are recommended for the various incidents. Remember you are "Net Control". Before you begin your shift have Log Sheets, maps, phone lists, message forms, etc. ready. Obtain a briefing from the NCS you replace. We thank the Kern County Central Valley ARC for use of their repeaters and their support.

ACCIDENTS: Attempt to get all the information about the situation **BEFORE** you call for assistance. This includes such things as exact location (address, ramps, paddle markers, vehicle description and license number, etc.), injury data (you are not a doctor so if they indicate someone is hurt, tell the 911 Operator). Having collected all the information, call 911 and relay it to the proper authorities and stay on the line if asked. Keep the person calling in calm, and advised as to your progress. If you remain calm, so will everyone else. **REMEMBER** that you are in charge of the situation. Tell other hams on frequency that you have an emergency in progress and to stand by. Many times you will get too many people trying to help and this only makes the situation worse. Stay calm and stay in charge!

LOST MOTORIST: Have area maps available so you can refer to them for local assistance. You are **NOT** expected to be an expert on other Cities or Communities. Most people are looking for places to eat or find fuel so it is handy to have a phone book nearby so you can give them some options.

WEATHER REPORTS: Hams will want to know what the weather is where they are going so check with the weather service via scanner or TV or whatever source you can find the gives current information. Other amateurs traveling in the area will give you reports on conditions in the areas they have recently visited

ROAD CONDITONS: This is similar to above, but most of the information will come from local amateurs. **REMEMBER:** road and weather conditions can change very rapidly this time of year so monitor these conditions carefully. See attached for additional information about web sites and telephone numbers that will be of assistance. **BE NEAR A PHONE WHEN ACTING AS NET CONTROL!**

California Highway Patrol

<http://cad.chp.ca.gov/Traffic.aspx>

National Weather Service – Hanford, CA

www.wrh.noaa.gov/hnx

Kern County Central Valley Amateur Radio Club

www.w6lie.org

WESTERN KERN COUNTY ARES-ROAD AND WEATHER NET

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT DO I SAY AND WHEN DO I SAY IT? This is your Script.

“This is (*your call*), acting as Net Control for the Western Kern County ARES Road and Weather net. My name is (*your name*), and I am located in (*your location*). This is an informal net conducted by the members and friends of Western Kern County ARES. I will be monitoring the following W6LIE repeaters: 145.150, negative offset, PL of 100 on Breckenridge and the 146.910, negative offset, PL of 100 on Grapevine Peak. The purpose of this net is to relay information that would be of value to the traveling amateur operator. We are also here to assist in the event of any emergency. Does anyone have any traffic, weather or emergency conditions to report, please come now. (*If no response*) This is (*your call*) monitoring.”

DO YOU HAVE ANY HINTS?

Yes we do, we have found the following to be helpful:

1. **Read the script every 10 to 15 minutes** if radio traffic is slow. **Do not broadcast** road or weather information without having someone to talk to. If it's slow re-read the script and inform people that you can help answer questions they have about road and weather conditions. You have to have another station to talk to.
2. **Keep careful notes**, as the information may be very important later in the day when someone else takes over for you. Brief your relief operator.
3. **Be friendly!** Many people are bored and/or sleepy and they just want to chat.
4. **Allow routine traffic** on the repeaters, but remind the users that a Net is in progress and to leave space for people to break in with road, weather or emergency information. Everyone is usually very cooperative.
5. Most of all **have some fun!** You are doing a great service for your community.
6. **Have ready access to a phone!** An emergency is not the time to run from room to room looking for the phone. A computer and police scanner are also handy!

WHAT IF I HAVE A PROBLEM?

If you have a problem, do not hesitate to call one of the following:

Larry (KF6JOQ) AEC	661-834-3204
Dave (W7FYV) EC	661-203-0335
Richard (KG6DUC) Wx/Safety Officer	661-322-9954

Western Kern County ARES®/RACES
Rev. October 10, 2011

If you cannot make your time slot, try to find someone to cover for you or call one of the previously listed Command Staff members for advice.

Good luck!

Updated 10-10-11 by kf6joq