

KERN COUNTY CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
ANNUAL ROAD AND WEATHER NET-2009/2010

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 efforts.

This net is **INFORMAL** and would only become formal in the case of an emergency or priority situation. This net is organized in a continuing effort to guarantee the usual friendly assistance local hams, such as yourself, are famous for will be provided 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" and will have to make up your own rules from time to time. We never know what will happen or when.

ACCIDENTS: Attempt to get all the information about the situation **BEFORE** you call for assistance. This includes such things as exact location (ramps, paddle markers etc.), injury data (you are not a doctor so if they indicate some is hurt, call for an ambulance). Having collected all the information call 911 and relay it to the proper authorities. 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 frequencies 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 MOTOREST: 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!**

Thanks again! The Road and Weather Committee