

Greetings,

Thank you to HAL, KC7ZZB from the Beaver State Net for his excellent presentation on the basics of traffic handling. Attached are some message forms and descriptions that Hal discussed. We also had discussions about the OEN might operate differently during an emergency. Based upon those, the following are proposed additions to the net operating procedures. Corrections and additions would be appreciated.

Emergency Conditions

1. The net will generally operate in a normal manner during emergency events, but the net controls may elect to dispense with the regular role call if traffic and message volume is particularly high. Net controls would maintain a list of messages to be passed and seek takers for the traffic.
2. Assuming that as in the past many amateurs will monitor and come to 3980 kHz during such events, those looking to pass traffic or messages over the course of a 24-hour period may be expected to pass or take messages without the presence of a net control. Volunteer net controls are urged to step in for extended periods of coverage if message volume or other related activity is high. Contact information for net controls, net officers, alternates, and relay stations is listed on the OEN website, W7OEN.Net.
3. If message volume and activity is high, it is recommended that those involved in the message transfer are asked to move off the net frequency, preferably up-band to 3985 kHz and above.
4. If message traffic cannot be handled on the Net frequency, here are some referrals to other nets that can be made. Coordination with other nets is encouraged.
 - a. WARTS Net, 3975 kHz, 5:30 PM
 - b. Beaver State Net, 3920 kHz, 5:30 PM
 - c. Golden Bear Net, 3975 kHz, 7:00 PM
 - d. Columbia Basin Net, 3960 kHz, 6:00 PM
 - e. Noon Time Net, 3970 kHz, 11:30 AM, & 7284 kHz, 9:30 AM
 - f. ARES, 3964 kHz
 - g. Region 7 Traffic Net, 3925 kHz, 9:30 AM & 3:00 PM
 - h. Various 2 Meter Linked Repeater Frequencies (Search for current on-line directory)
5. It is the policy of the net to handle both formal and informal traffic messages including health and welfare checks. Net controls and others are encouraged to attempt help regardless of the format presented.

Regards & 73's From W7HLR,

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