

When you are the Net Control Station (NCS) you should....

- Check your signal to the repeater before the net starts. Everyone needs to be able to hear and understand you. Solid, full quieting signals are preferred.
- Know the correct time and start the net on time. Shortwave radios offer time standards (WWV and WWVH) on 5.0000, 10.0000, 15.0000, & 20.0000 MHz. Computers can access the correct time at <http://www.time.gov/>
- Have a current net script and roll call list.
- Be familiar with the callsigns and names of those on the roll call list. Pay attention during nets so that you can recognize voices, too. That way if you catch a part of a callsign you'll be able to confirm that check in without asking for repeats. It is easier to check a callsign off on a preprinted roll call list than it is to try to write down each callsign as they check in. Of course, have paper and pencils handy.
- Ask for the repeat of a callsign, if necessary 'phonetically' ... that way it may be easier to understand. You as NCS should use the proper IARU/amateur [phonetic alphabet](#) when required.
- Remember, all check in stations should come in 'through the repeater'. Some stations may offer to relay for stations who check in on simplex (that aren't heard by the NCS) or who don't have the tone/PL set properly on their radios, so they don't come through the repeater. The helping station often simply announces them self with the word 'Relay'. You then respond "Relay Go Ahead" to benefit from that information.
- **Be sure to acknowledge each station that checks in.**
- On closing the Net, the Net counts should be provided to W6WTI for reporting to Sonoma County ACS. If W6WTI is not on the air, please EMail the Count and listing of callsigns heard to w6wti@arrl.net or ki6hha@arrl.net.
- As NCS you may accept early check-ins for the Net at your discretion.

NET CONTROL SCRIPT

PLEASE NOTE IF IT IS THE TUESDAY NET PRIOR TO THE FIRST OR THRID WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, BE SURE AND ASK EACH PERSON CHECKING IN IF THEY PLAN TO GO TO LUNCH. WE NEED A HEAD COUNT FOR THE RESTAURANT LOCATION: REDWOOD GRILLE IN ANCHOR BAY 11:00 AM

Opening: (Please start promptly at 1900 local time.)

Please stand by for the Emergency Net. This is (give your callsign).

(Drop the repeater for about 2 seconds after each statement.)

Good evening. This is a directed Emergency Net serving Southern Mendocino and Northern Sonoma County's Coastal Communities. While there is no local emergency at this time, stations having actual emergency traffic during the net may break in at any time.

This is (give your callsign) and I am tonight's Net Control. My name is (state your name).

(Drop repeater)

The purpose of our net is to maintain an informed group of Amateur Radio Operators who are ready to provide communication services in time of need. Information about becoming an Amateur Radio Operator, upgrading your license or becoming a member of the Auxiliary Communications Service may be obtained from Ken, KE6WC or Fred, W6WTI or online at the ABARC website at www.abarc.net

(Drop repeater)

I shall now call the roll of our active Net participants. When I call you, please acknowledge by repeating your callsign. If I do not acknowledge you, that will mean that you are not making the

repeater, and shortly you will be given an opportunity to call in again.

This is (give your callsign) calling roll on the W6ABR repeater of the Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club..

(Drop the repeater)

Call the NCS roll call list and acknowledge each person who checks in.

If you find that it is taking more than 10 minutes to call the roll, be sure to identify your station as per FCC rules.

If there is anyone that I failed to call, or I did not acknowledge, Please try again at this time. You may wish to use simplex on our repeater output frequency of 147.825 MHz. If you hear someone calling and I do not acknowledge that station, please relay. Also if there are any visitors to the Net, you may check in now.

(Listen for any stations or relays and acknowledge them. If there are newcomers or visitors to the Net, please give them a friendly welcome.)

Are there any relays?

I shall ask for latecomers at the conclusion of the Net. If you find that you must leave the Net before its conclusion, please break in and let us know.

This is (give your callsign).

(Drop the repeater.)

Net Business:

We will now have reports from our two Emergency Communications Unit Leaders.

Ken, KE6WC, please give us your report for Mendocino County.

(Larry, K6CQE is alternate.)

Are there any questions for Ken? Please come now with your call sign only.

(Acknowledge all calls that you hear and call on each in the order received.)

Fred, W6WTI, please give us your report for Sonoma County.

(There is no alternate for Fred at this time.)

Are there any questions for Fred? Please come now with your call sign only.

(Acknowledge all calls that you hear and call on each in the order received.)

This is (give your callsign) Net Control.

Is there any other business, announcements or questions to come before the Net? Please come now with your call sign only.

(Acknowledge all call signs you hear and call on each in the order received. There may be questions from Net members following each presentation, so you may ask,

Are there any questions on any net business or announcements?

Closing the Net.

Are there any latecomers whom we haven't checked in? Please come now with your call sign only.

(Acknowledge each call heard.)

Are there any relays?

(Acknowledge each call heard.)

Now hearing no further business to come before the Net, This concludes tonight's meeting of the Emergency Net. Thank you for making yourselves and your equipment available for emergency service. We hope to see you again next week at the same time and on the same frequency.

For those that are able, please don't forget the Mendocino-Sonoma HF Net on 3925 KHz during Daylight Savings Time or the MF Net during Standard Time on 1960 KHz, which is held immediately following this net at 1930 hours.

This is (give your callsign) Net Control. Good Evening.

Let W6WTI know the net check-in count following the net. By radio, or via EMail (W6WTI@arrl.net) with the count and listing of callsigns checked in. (W6WTI reports this information to Sonoma County).

Thank you volunteering to be Net Control.

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