

**MERCER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
NET CONTROL OPERATIONS
PREAMBLE**

START WITH:

**ATTENTION ALL RADIO OPERATORS, PLEASE STANDBY FOR THE
MERCER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NET. (break)**

**MY NAME IS [], MY CALL SIGN IS [], AND I WILL BE ACTING
AS NETCONTROL FOR THIS EVENINGS'S NET. THIS NET MEETS ON THIS
REPEATER EVERY THURSDAY NITE AT 9:00 PM FOR THE PRIMARY
PURPOSE OF TESTING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, PASSING
TRAFFIC THAT PERTAINS TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, AND
ALSO RELAYING GENERAL TRAFFIC THAT PERTAINS TO ALL RADIO
AMATEURS. ALL RADIO AMATEURS IN THE LISTENING AREA ARE
INVITED TO CHECK IN. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AFFILIATED WITH
ANY CLUB OR EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
NET. (break)**

**WHEN YOU CHECK INTO THIS NET, PLEASE BE SURE TO
CLEARLY STATE YOUR CALLSIGN, YOUR NAME, YOUR LOCATION, AND
WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE ANY TRAFFIC OR COMMENTS FOR THIS
NET. (break)**

[If you have any pressing or emergency traffic or other instructions for the net, state them now before taking any check-in's.]

**AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SPECIAL CHECK-IN'S
FROM ONLY THOSE OPERATORS WHO ARE MOBILE OR WHO ARE ON
SHORT TIME...PLEASE CALL NOW. (break)**

[Log all callsigns and names; ask stations to repeat their callsign/name/location if you were unable to copy it completely. Let "short time/mobile" stations continue to check in until such time that there are no check-in's, then ask the net to "NET PLEASE STANDBY". Each check-in's call sign and name and/or location is then ACKNOWLEDGED by net control restating them on the air...If any mobile or short time stations have traffic/comments, please allow them to pass such traffic before taking REGULAR CHECKINS...after all, they are on shorttime or are mobile.]

**THE NET WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE [callsign], [name], FROM
[location].....ALL ON SHORTTIME OR MOBILE, THANK YOU FOR
CHECKING INTO THIS NET (break)**

AT THIS TIME, REGULAR CHECK-INS MAY CALL (break)

[Log all callsigns/names/locations for regular checkins...when there are no more checkins, ask the net to "NET PLEASE STANDBY". Each checkin's callsign, name, and/or location is then ACKNOWLEDGED by net control restating them on the air. If any stations have comments or traffic, then allow them to pass such traffic before taking more checkins]

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Regular checkins are taken in a batch type format; ie; ask for checkins, ask net to standby, then acknowledge them, then take more checkins. Net control will often have traffic or comments to be passed during the net. This traffic/comments should be passed between these batches of checkins. Keep the traffic short, limited to 2 or 3 items at a time so the net continues to move at a good pace and that those wishing to check in and have not done so, will not become impatient waiting for "long winded" traffic to be passed and leave the net before checking in.

Periodically (at least once every 10 minutes), please ID yourself and the NET by saying:

**THIS IS [callsign] FOR THE MERCER COUNTY
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NET ON THE W3LIF
REPEATER SYSTEM.**

Since the **Mercer County Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL Affiliated club, the ARRL Audio News** is often broadcast during the net. This is usually done toward the end of the net after several "batches" of logins are take and acknowledged. Net controls who are able to do so are encouraged to download the Audio News from the ARRL web site (this is an MP3 audio file found in the Audio News section of their web site; note: download the complete MP3 file, not the individual files as all are on that web page...the complete Audio News has a play time of about 16 minutes). Also note that the audio news is produced by the ARRL on Fridays; since this net is on Thursday, the audio news which is downloaded is for the **previous Friday. During the break during the Audio News, take additional checkin and pass additional traffic if net control has additional traffic.**

When the Audio News has completed or when the Net is otherwise near completion please announce:

**THIS IS [callsign] FOR THE MERCER COUNTY
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NET. I WILL TAKE FINAL
CHECKINS AT THIS TIME (break)**

Take any additional checkins and acknowledge them.

When the net is finished, close the net by announcing:

**TONITE, INCLUDING MYSELF, WE HAD A TOTAL OF []
CHECKINS. AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS NET AND RETURN
THIS REPEATER BACK TO GENERAL AMATEUR USE. THIS IS
[callsign] {break}**

NOTE: Where the word (break) is used in the above preamble, DO NOT ANNOUNCE OR SAY THE WORD "BREAK" , this simply means UN-KEY THE MIC.

