Neighborhood Emergency Communication Training Net
Net control procedures and preamble
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Early preamble (8:00PM): The Neighborhood Emergency Communication Training net will begin in 10 minutes. Our 60 minutes, but we may want to take until 9:30 PM, depending on participation. Thanks in advance to all stations standing by to give us a clear operating frequency. We will break our net every 20 minutes or so for other priority and non-NET use. [Your call sign here]

Good evening! This is [your call sign and name here], net control, calling this session of the Neighborhood Emergency Communication Training net. This net meets every Sunday evening at 8:10 P.M. local time on this K7RPT 147.040 MHz repeater. That repeater has a positive 600kHz offset and a tone of 100.0 Hz. Our purpose is to provide experience with and exchanging information about amateur radio use by NETs (Neighborhood Emergency Teams) and CERTs (Community Emergency Response Teams).

We refer to ourselves as the NET net, and our primary audience is those with little or no experience on the air. Those not associated with NETs and CERTs are also invited to participate.

This is a directed net. Any station needing to do so may secure without notifying net control. At 20-minute intervals, we will give others on-frequency a brief opportunity to conduct non-net business.

Our format is the following.
- We begin with what I am calling a directed check-in, which I will describe in a moment. This should take about 20 minutes.
- After the directed check-in, we will begin our discussion of the evening's topic. This evening's topic is [your chosen topic].
- After we are about forty minutes into the program, I will then ask for all other listeners to check in. I will not be asking any new check-ins to introduce themselves, but those wishing to introduce themselves may do so after check-ins are complete.
- We will then have a period for QSTs or announcements.
- If interest continues, we will return to discussion topic and periodically ask for check-ins after that.

Before we get started, does anyone need an early out of the net early this evening?

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We will now do a directed check-in by suffix call sign. What this refers to is the first letter after the number in your call-sign. Emergency traffic may break the net at any time by using the word "Break." Please do not use the word "Break" unless you have an emergency. For the directed check-in, I will invite each ham who has checked in during the last two weeks to confirm his or her presence on the air by repeating only their call sign. I will recognize you using your first name.

[Read through the list of call signs alphabetically by suffix, identifying only those who have checked in recently.]

That concludes the directed check-ins. Again, we will return in about ten minutes to conduct a check-in of all other stations listening. Those stations will automatically be placed on the list of directed check-ins for the next two weeks.

Our topic this evening is [your chosen topic]. I will pause occasionally for net participants to ask questions or contribute to the conversation. If you want to speak, simply give your call sign and wait to be acknowledged.

[your chosen topic]

We will now do a regular check-in by suffix call sign. What this refers to is the first letter after the number in your call-sign. All stations are encouraged to check into this net; you **do not** have to be a member of a NET, a CERT, or any other emergency response organization to check into this net. Emergency traffic may break the net at any time by using the word "Break." Please do not use the word "Break" unless you have an emergency.

Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes Alpha through Delta?
(Acknowledge)
Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes Echo through Kilo?
(Acknowledge)
Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes Lima through Papa?
(Acknowledge)
Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes Quebec through Tango?
(Acknowledge)
Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes Uniform through Whiskey?
(Acknowledge)
Are there any check-ins for call sign suffixes X-Ray through Zulu?
(Acknowledge)

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Are there any missed or late check-ins, call sign suffixes Alpha through Zulu? (Acknowledge)

Do we have new hams who would like to introduce themselves?

10 minute ID rule?
Pause for other stations?

Before getting back to the topic, I will make a few announcements.

[Use your own judgment about the amount of time you want to spend on these. You will be amazed by how quickly time passes! Announcements may include
1. Portland Amateur Radio Club events, such as
   a. time and place of their meetings (Fourth Friday of the month, 7:30 PM, Lower Level Auditorium at One Liberty Center, 650 NE Holladay Street, Portland, OR, right at the MAX stop. Visitors may need to announce themselves to security at the rear of the building), and
   b. PARC breakfasts (NEW TIME and VENUE: Saturdays, 8:30 AM, Village Inn Restaurant, NE 10th Ave. between NE Broadway and NE Weidler streets)
   c. PARC net meets every Monday evening, 7:00 PM, on 146.84, negative offset of 600 kHz, no tone

2. PBEM NET training opportunities, especially those pertaining to radio. Refer to Jeremy Van Keuren's Monday bulletins and announcement you may have heard at PARC or ARES meetings.

3. ARES meetings (Fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30 PM, Fire Station #2, 4800 NE 122nd Ave just north of Sandy Blvd)
   a. ARES net meets every Wednesday evening, 7:00 PM, on 146.84, negative offset of 600 kHz, no tone

4. Any other QSTs for the net?

Do we have any other contacts, announcements or QSTs for the net this evening?

10 minute ID rule?
Pause for other stations?

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[At this point it should be around 9:00 PM and you can return to the topic if there is interest. I would encourage you to permit any station wishing to do so to secure now without obtaining permission from the net. You can also check periodically for new check-ins]

Well, it's time to wrap things up. Last call for any comments, questions, late checkins or other business for the net?

If you have tried to check in and not been recognized by net control, please contact [me or Michael] on [my or his] cell phone 503-880-2590. I will repeat that number in just a minute. [How and whether you make yourself available for after-NET contact is entirely up to you.]

This is [your call sign and name here] closing this evening's session of the Neighborhood Emergency Communication Training NET. Thanks to all stations who participated and to those who stood by to give us a clear operating frequency. The K7RPT repeater is owned and operated by the Amateur Radio Relay Group and the NET net greatly appreciates permission for its use. Again, if you have tried to check in and not been recognized by net control, please contact [me or Michael] on [my or his] cell phone 503-880-2590. We'll trouble-shoot the issue and get you on the air.

This net will meet again next Sunday at 8:10 P.M. local time. This repeater is now returned to general amateur use. Seventy-three everyone and thank you for participating in the net. This is [Your call sign and name here], signing the net clear at [9:10 PM] Portland Local Time.

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Text for the 10-minute check-in

This is [Your call sign and name here], net control station for the Neighborhood Emergency Communication Training NET, meeting at 8:10 PM every Sunday evening on this repeater.

Text to announce the availability of the repeater for non-net use (every 20 minutes or so, as a courtesy to other hams)

We now break the net to permit any stations needing to use this repeater for non-net business to do so. Any station needing to break the net briefly for non-net traffic please come now.
[Handle traffic]

As always, any stations with Emergency, Health and Welfare or Priority traffic may break the net at any time by using the proword "Break." Please do not use the proword "Break" for routine traffic or because

- you find us boring
- you cannot spot laughing
- nature calls
- you finally have an opportunity to say "breaker, breaker"

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