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DISTRIBUTION: FOR LOCAL STATION OPERATORS INVOLVED IN AND MONITORING FOR FOREST FIRES AND FOREST FIRE SMOKE

**FORMAT SCRIPT – ALERT FREQUENCY:
SMOKE ALERT PROCEDURE
SHINGLETOWN AREA**

SOURCE: SHASTA EMERGENCY RADIO NETS / SOKERRT NET/ SCRIPT
LEVEL 1 - INFORMATION GATHERING SMOKE ALERT PROCEDURE
(below okay with CAM- 5-18-2016 /anz)

[SEE FORMAT MIKE 5 – FOR ALERT FREQUENCY – AND USE]

THE STATION ACTIVATING THE ALERT (E.G., YOU SMELL SMOKE):

STEP 1:

DETERMINE THE FREQUENCY THAT THE SMOKE REPORT NET WILL BE ON (e.g., if using a designated repeater, make sure repeater is operating before you start telling STATION OPERATORS to go there). Frequency options - **USE FORMAT NOVEMBER, BLOCK 1 ONLY!** (generally will use in following order):

146.760 – pl 107.2 ALPHA 1 (REPEATER);
146.640 – pl 88.5 ALPHA 2 (REPEATER); OR
146.505 ALPHA 3 (SIMPLEX).

STEP 2:

GO TO ALERT FREQUENCY. [NEVER GIVE THE FREQUENCY OUT OVER THE AIR].

STEP 3:

NOTE: IF this is a DRILL – be sure and state - “This is a drill – there is no emergency” during exercise.

ON ALERT FREQUENCY - SIMPLEX (FOXTROT 1) USE DTMF – AND SEND #9 #1 SEQUENCE 3 TO 4 TIMES.

STEP 4: SCRIPT FOR STATION ACTIVATING ALERT:

After sending DTMF sequence (simplex only), state the following 2 times:

“Smoke Alert Activated, Smoke Alert Activated – Station Operators QSY to [e.g., “146.760” **] and wait for Net Control”. (on the last transmission sign off with your call sign AND say “CLEAR”).

[** Do NOT hold any discussions on the Alert Frequency, or any other frequency. Just have station operators QSY to the Frequency stated].

STEP 5: SCRIPT FOR STATION ACTIVATING ALERT:

NEXT, go to the Frequencies in **FORMAT NOVEMBER, BLOCK 1 WHICH YOU DID NOT SELECT FOR THE SMOKE REPORT NET. AND MAKE THE SAME ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YOU MADE ABOVE.**

THUS, state the following 2 times ON EACH:

“Smoke Alert Activated, Smoke Alert Activated – Station Operators QSY to [**] and wait for Net Control.” (on the last transmission sign off with your call sign AND say “CLEAR”).

STEP 6: FOR ANY STATIONS HEARING THE ALERT ACTIVATION:

AUTOMATICALLY QSY to the FREQUENCY STATED AND WAIT FOR NET CONTROL.

AND, if you didn't hear the frequency which you were told to QSY TO, or are not sure, you automatically go to **FORMAT NOVEMBER, BLOCK 1 AND SCAN THROUGH ALPHA 1, ALPHA 2 AND ALPHA 3 UNTIL YOU FIND THE SMOKE REPORT NET.**

DO NOT START ASKING PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY “WHERE DO WE GO”, OR “WHAT IS GOING ON” , ETC... . THERE ARE NO CONVERSATIONS ON THE FREQUENCIES UNTIL YOU GET TO THE DESIGNATED NET FREQUENCY.

Why?

Because other stations may hear your conversations, and think they are at the Smoke Report Net, resulting in delays in getting the actual Smoke Report Net going AND/OR stations erroneously give a report on the wrong frequency that never gets reported).

STEP 7: ON THE SMOKE REPORT NET FREQUENCY – START THE NET!!!

[NOTE: GIVE PEOPLE A FEW MINUTES TO GO OUTSIDE AND DETERMINE WIND DIRECTION, IF THEY SMELL SMOKE, ETC].

IF NO ONE ARRIVES AT THE DESIGNATED FREQUENCY TO ACT AS NET CONTROL FOR THE SMOKE REPORT NET WITHIN *2 MINUTES* of alert activation – THEN ANY STATION OPERATOR STARTS THE SMOKE REPORT NET – AT LEAST START A QST ... SO PEOPLE CAN START TO GATHER AND KNOW THE NET IS GOING TO START – NO DEAD AIR TIME.

“REGULAR” NET CONTROL(S) MAY TAKE OVER, OR NOT, BASED UPON FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, **BUT START THE NET AND THEN START MAKING ACCURATE RECORD KEEPING OF THE REPORTS THAT START COMING IN. ASSUME NET CONTROL DUTIES YOURSELF.**

- REMIND STATIONS TO PLEASE CHECK THEIR LOCATION FOR THE ITEMS REQUIRED ON FORMAT TANGO 4 (consider reading off the information headings on FORMAT TANGO 4 while on the air). WE NEED ACCURATE INFORMATION TO REPORT. A WIND DIRECTION DETERMINATION MAY TAKE 2 MINUTES IN ORDER TO HAVE A GOOD READING AND/OR DETERMINE IF THERE ARE SHIFTING WINDS. PEOPLE MAY HAVE TO GET OUT OF BED, PUT THEIR PANTS ON AND GO OUTSIDE TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS.

-USE FORMAT TANGO 4 TO RECORD INFORMATION

-USE FORMAT SCRIPT -

**TRAINING SCRIPT 101- SMOKE REPORTS
[for intake of smoke reports]**

-MAP THE REPORTED INFORMATION SO THAT A REPORT CAN BE PROVIDED TO CAL FIRE.

Please follow the plan and procedures. 73 K6PDS
END.