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FORMAT SCRIPT - SMOKE REPORTS

SOURCE: SHASTA EMERGENCY RADIO NETS / SOKERRT NET/ SCRIPT
LEVEL 1 - INFORMATION GATHERING (SMOKE REPORTS)

ANY RESPONSIBLE GROUP OF CITIZENS ARE URGED TO PREPARE AND PRACTICE THIS PROCEDURE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THIS SCRIPT AND ADAPT FOR CIRCUMSTANCES.

THIS FORMAT MAY BE USED BY LICENSED HAM RADIO OPERATORS, AND NON LICENSED RADIO OPERATORS ON MURS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NETS. IN THE CASE OF MURS NETS, RELAY THE INFORMATION TO A LOCAL HAM NET FOR DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR REPORTS.

PURPOSE: To Obtain information concerning SMOKE IN YOUR AREA TO ASSIST CAL FIRE IN LOCATING FIRES. LOCATING FIRES CAN BE DIFFICULT DUE TO SUCH FACTORS AS THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN, NIGHT TIME, HOT AND COLD AIR, WIND CURRENTS, ETC... .

NET CONTROL(S) SHOULD SUMMARIZE THE REPORTS RECEIVED DURING THE SMOKE CHECK NET ONTO MAPS. NET CONTROL THEN CALLS 911 AND ADVISES THAT YOU HAVE SMOKE REPORT INFORMATION AND REQUEST CALL BACK FROM CAL FIRE (SEE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON FORMAT TANGO 4).

FORMS TO USE:

(THOSE LISTED BELOW ARE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION):

- FORMAT SCRIPT - SMOKE REPORTS

[YOU ARE NOW READING THIS FORM]

- FORMAT TANGO 4 – SMOKE CHECK REPORT

[SOKERRT – LEVEL 1 ACTIVATION]

- FORMAT SIERRA [COMM LOG] [IF NEEDED FOR MESSAGES, ETC...]

INSTRUCTIONS:

THIS IS NOT 911 – IF YOU HAVE ANY EMERGENCY CALL 911.

NOTE : FOR THE SMOKE REPORTING SYSTEM TO WORK, ALL OPERATORS SHOULD BE MONITORING FREQUENCIES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE AT LEAST 10 OR MORE PERSONS MONITORING 24 x 7. [USE FORMAT NOVEMBER, BLOCK 1]. Have a radio with you at all times.

In the event of **SMELING FOREST FIRE TYPE SMOKE DURING FIRE SEASON**, there are a number of steps that every Station Operator ...[e.g., ALL Ham RADIO operators / Ham Clubs / SHASTA EMERGENCY RADIO NET operators / SOKERRT Station Operators] should take;

First: Secure your family and home; you will be more effective knowing that this has been done.

Second: IMMEDIATELY switch your radio to the 146.760 repeater and Listen [USE FORMAT NOVEMBER, BLOCK 1]. If no SHASTA EMERGENCY RADIO NET control , SOKERRT RADIO COMMS LEAD OR OTHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GROUP comes on as Net Control in what you believe is a reasonable length of time, ASSUME Net Control duties YOURSELF. All area Hams should practice and be able to both report in AND receive reports (and do the mapping to report to Cal Fire). But, IF YOU CHOOSE ONLY TO REPORT THAT IS CRITICAL AND HELPFUL ! We need station reports. Thank you.

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

A suggested announcement FOR INFORMATION GATHERING is:

START

“QST QST QST”

NET CONTROL: "This is __ (your call sign) __, acting as Net Control Operator. I have activated the [**your area**] SMOKE CHECK NET

[E.G., SHINGLETOWN AREA SMOKE CHECK NET / COTTONWOOD AREA SMOKE CHECK NET / MANTON AREA SMOKE CHECK NET, ETC...]

for gathering a snapshot of information regarding REPORTS OF SMOKE in our area. I am ready to receive reports from any operator who has information as to smelling or not smelling smoke, seeing or not seeing fire and / or smoke, or other relevant information.”

“We want observations only from your current locations--do not go looking for problems.”

“When calling in, give your call sign SUFFIX only. I will take stations in groups of 5 before collecting your reports”. “GO SLOWLY AND CLEARLY, AS NET CONTROL MUST RECORD YOUR INFORMATION.”

“First five call signs [call sign SUFFIX ONLY], please call now.”

[Net Control Records the call signs (and later the reports) on the SMOKE CHECK REPORT log [USE **FORMAT TANGO 4**].

[Example - write in on *FORMAT TANGO 4* the call SUFFIXS'S as stations check in):

PDS

XYZ

UFZ

ACG

DJK

[and after fifth call sign],

Net Control: "all stations wait. Station PDS, your call sign and report please.

Station: " This is "K6PDS MY LOCATION IS HIGHWAY 44 MI MARKER 26 / BREAK/ "

"SMOKE VISIBLE, NORTH OF MY LOCATION 2 MILES" [OR ..."X DEGREES FROM MY LOCATION...] / Break /"

"SMOKE ODOR STRONG / BREAK/"

"WIND IS OUT OF NORTH EAST / BREAK/"

"WIND SPEED 10 MPH / BREAK / "

"FLAMES NOT VISIBLE / OVER" .

Net control: "Thank you".

Net Control: "station XYZ, go ahead".

Station: "JCK6XYZ, MY LOCATION IS [follow above format of response...]"

Net Control: "Roger".

Net Control: "station UFZ, go ahead".

Station: "FFG6UFZ, MY LOCATION IS"

Net Control: "Roger".

[and continue]

Net Control: "next 5 stations your call sign and report please call now".

Station: WSE

CCJ

CCC

ABZ

JJK

Net Control: "station WSE, your report, please".

[and continue]

Net Control: "are there any other STATIONS WITH SMOKE REPORTS PLEASE CALL NOW"

(IF APPLICABLE STATE – "this is a drill)".

Net Control: "nothing heard, are there any relays?" ...

Note: Net Control Continues to Monitor the net, announcing your presence every two minutes, saying (repeat applicable portions of the introductory statement, above).

Note: If after one-half hour [OR OTHER TIME, AS APPROPRIATE], if there is no more activity, then close the Net. BUT STATION OPERATORS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

[Note: During the above process, the SOKERRT NET ACTIVATION Level May be Raised to Level 2 or Level 3 with Chapter Leader approval and authorization only].

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[If Applicable - Instructions for transmitting the SMOKE REPORT INFORMATION to another operator] (E.G., RELAY SITUATION...) [be sure to follow FCC call sign rules]:

SEE FORMAT TANGO 4 – INSTRUCTIONS. (THIS SECTION WILL BE ADDED).

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Net Control – CLOSING NET:

**"This is (your call sign) closing the SMOKE CHECK Net at (time)_____ hours.
This Repeater is now returned to normal operation. (your call sign) CLEAR."**

NOTE: STATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

END