

Emergency Contact Sheet Follow-Up

On-Air Training

Idaho Falls Bishop's Storehouse

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Follow up on emergency contact sheets.

I have received a lot of feedback regarding last week's contact sheet exercise. We were able to make 61 contacts via the emergency contact sheets. You are to be commended. Well done! The one thing I want to point out is something that I did not anticipate. I talked to two operators that viewed the emergency contact sheet as you would in a doctor's office. "If I become unresponsive, who do we notify?" Although they might share the same name, the purpose of the ERC emergency contact sheet is "If there is an emergency, an event of some kind, how do we contact YOU?" "If you are needed to assist with communication, how do we get a hold of YOU?"

I put my wife's and other family members' contact information on my sheet, because maybe I'm swimming in the pool at Rexburg Rapids, but my wife is sitting on the deck with her phone. Maybe my wife and I are mowing the lawn and working in the yard, but my children are doing homework at the kitchen table. Maybe my family is flying to Orlando, but the folks at my office know the itinerary.

Can you see the value of listing as much information as possible in your emergency contact sheet? Again, you are answering the question, "How do people get a hold of YOU in an emergency?"

Instructions

The few training I've done have kept you past the target 9:30 mark. So, tonight, we'll try to keep it brief. No training, per se, but you will get another opportunity to change frequency a couple more times.

I would like to know how many operators updated their emergency contact sheets since last week's training. You will change back to your regional frequency. Net control will call the roll again. If it were me, I would just call the operators directly that you know are still present for the training. Operators need only respond with a simple affirmative or negative and your call sign. If you looked at your contact sheet and are certain it is up to date, you may respond affirmatively, even though you did not change anything.

All operators will then change back to this frequency, 146.880 MHz and net control operators will report in with the number of affirmative and negative responses.

Are there any questions?

Activity

Rexburg Region, please record an affirmative for me, N7TMS. I will remain on this frequency to respond to other questions or issues.

You may proceed now by changing frequency back to your regional net frequency. This is N7TMS.

Reports

Idaho Falls North: Affirmative: _____ Negative: _____

Idaho Falls South: Affirmative: _____ Negative: _____

Rexburg: Affirmative: _____ Negative: _____

Rigby: Affirmative: _____ Negative: _____

Well done! If your emergency contact sheet is not up to date, I would encourage you to take some time within the next couple of days to update it. Step by step instructions can be found in the ERC Handbook in Appendix 2 on page 119. If you do not have access to a handbook, you may contact your Regional Coordinator or I would be happy to help you, also. The best way to contact me is via email. My email address is n7tms@yahoo.com. That's [phonetically].

This is also similar to the airplane lecture we get when we fly. Once you put on your own oxygen mask, then help others. Once you have your own emergency contact sheet filled out and up-to-date, help your priesthood leadership to do get theirs filled out. They will not have access to the website, but you can print blank contact sheets, gather the information, encouraging them to provide the appropriate level of detail, and then pass the contact sheet to your stake ERC specialist or your Regional Coordinator.

Are there any questions or comments from the net? Please call now with your call sign.

Conclusion

This concludes tonight's training. As usually, I appreciate your participation. It is a comfort to me personally, knowing that there are so many operators out there striving to become more knowledgeable and better at this craft. Thank you.

This is N7TMS. Back to net control.