

Frequency Agility

Idaho Falls Bishop's Storehouse

On-Air Training

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Introduction

Good evening to the net. It is my pleasure to be with you tonight. Next week we will change to the new regional simplex frequencies. Some of the regions have used their training meetings to prepare for this change. We are going to use tonight's training to test your preparedness.

Tonight, I am going to ask you to change frequency to your new regional simplex frequency. The regional net control station will conduct a recheck. Once the recheck is complete, you will change back to this repeater frequency and report how many operators re-checked in.

Just for reference, here are the new regional simplex frequencies.

The Idaho Falls South Region is 147.520 MHz. The Idaho Falls North Region is 147.540 MHz. The Rigby Region is 147.560 MHz. And the Rexburg Region is 147.580 MHz.

Instructions

Let me give you some suggestions on how this should be done. Time is of the essence. This should not take too long. Even Regions with more than 30 check-ins this evening, should be able to complete this recheck in about 10 minutes.

Net control stations: After tuning to your new regional frequency, you will call your roll again. You may begin with a short preamble like this: "This is N7TMS conducting a recheck of the Rexburg Region. When I call your call sign, respond only with your call sign." Do not call your roll by stake. You already know who is there. Simply go down your roster and call only the stations who previously checked in this evening. It is not necessary to call operators who did not check in before. You already know they are not there. You may also have some operators that indicated that they would not be on frequency for the storehouse net. It is also not necessary to call them. They are not here, either. After you have run through the roster again, call once or twice for any operators you may have missed and then instruct everyone to return to this repeater frequency.

Operators: It is not necessary for you to give a full report again. We already have your report. We only want to know if you successfully changed to the new frequency. When Net Control calls your call sign, respond only with your call sign. Nothing more is necessary.

When instructed by your regional net control operator, change back to this frequency, 146.880 MHz, for further instruction. Regional net control operators should call me when they have returned here to report how many operators check in during the second call.

Are there any questions? If so, please come now with your call sign phonetically.

Report

Region	Previously	Re-Check	Percent
Salmon			
Idaho Falls South			
Idaho Falls North			
Rigby			
Rexburg			
Totals			

What percentage of operators checked in again?

Consider what you've learned. Were you able to quickly change frequency? Did you already have the new frequency programmed into your radio, or did you have to fiddle with the VFO to get it there? Did you already know what frequency is assigned to your region? Do you know what frequencies are assigned to the other regions? Do you have those programmed into your radio, too?

Are there any comments or questions before I close the training?

Conclusion

Fine business. That concludes the storehouse training this evening. 73 to all of you. This is N7TMS. Back to net control.