

American Red Cross Communications Net Procedure

446.325, -5,000 offset, 127.3 PL

NET INTRODUCTION PROCEDURE

CQ, CQ, CQ, All Amateur Radio Operators. Does anyone need the repeater for emergency or priority traffic? *(drop)*.

Calling together the Greater New York Red Cross Communications Net. This is *(your call sign), (your call sign phonetically)*. I will be your net control station for this session of the Greater New York Red Cross Communications Net for *(date)*. This net is meeting through the facilities of the WA2DCI repeater and the Disney BEARS system. *(drop)*.

The purpose of this net is to relay information for the Greater New York Red Cross. We welcome and encourage all amateur operators to check into this net even if you are not a member of the Greater New York Red Cross. *(drop)*.

Please remember that this is a directed net. Please do not break into the net without direction from net control. If you have an emergency during the net please state the word "emergency" followed by your call and the frequency will be turned over to you for the duration of the emergency. If you have information for the net please use the word "info" followed by your call. If you have a question for the net please use the word "query" followed by your call. *(drop)*.

When checking into this net please use the hesitation method. The procedure is as follows: say "THIS IS ...". Release your push to talk switch to see if you are doubling with anyone. If you do not hear anyone else talking then proceed to give your call sign phonetically, using the Standard ITU phonetic alphabet, your name and location. Also state if you have any information dealing with emergency communications for the net, then stand by and wait for net control to acknowledge you before doing anything else within the net. *(drop)*.

This system of repeaters takes one second or more to fully activate. Therefore, wait one second or so after keying up to begin speaking. *(drop)*.

Please do not leave this net unless you first inform net control and receive permission to do so. I will now stand by for anyone with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY TRAFFIC ONLY. *(drop)*.

NET CHECK-INS PROCEDURE

(If positions/locations have NOT been established):

I will now stand by for net check-ins. Please remember to give your call slowly and phonetically along with your name and location. Also please remember to state if you have anything for the net. *(drop)*.

(Acknowledge all stations that checked into the net. Stop the net and ask the net to stand by when time is needed to write down everyone checking in. When no further stations check into the net, proceed with the net. Remember to ask for new check-ins every few minutes.)

(If positions/locations have been established):

I will now call for net check-ins by positions or locations. Wait for your position or location to be called. Then, give your call sign slowly and phonetically along with your name and location. Also please remember to state if you have anything for the net. *(drop)*.

Order of check-ins:

LDOC

Location or Shelter 1

Location or Shelter 2

Location or Shelter 3

Location or Shelter 4

Non Shelter Red Cross Operators

Operators with information who are not Red Cross members

NET OPERATION PROCEDURE

List any bulletins for priority messages.

Poll each position/location to see if they have any information for the net.

Have each individual station that stated they have info or traffic for the net, for that information/traffic.

Pause the net for late check-ins.

NET CONCLUSION PROCEDURE

(CALL FOR ANY FINAL STATIONS WISHING TO CHECK INTO THE NET AND CHECK TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. IF THERE IS NO FURTHER ACTIVITY PROCEED TO CLOSE THE NET.)

This is *(your call sign)*, net control station for this session of the Greater New York Red Cross Communications Net thanking all of the stations that checked in today for participating and supporting the net. I also want to thank those stations that did not check in for standing down while the net was in operation. Your help in maintaining this net is greatly appreciated by one and all *(drop)*.

The Greater New York Red Cross wishes to again thank WA2DCI and the Disney BEARS network for the use of their repeaters for the operation of this net. All stations may now secure. This net is now secured at _____ local time. This is *(your call sign)* returning the repeater to its normal amateur operation. Good evening everyone *(drop)*.