

Bears Operational Plan

Unusual Occurrence

During, or immediately after an unusual occurrence (hurricane, tornado, terrorist attack, etc), BEARS members and auxiliary members shall monitor the BEARS frequency of 146.450. The first member on the air becomes NET CONTROL until relieved by the regularly assigned NET CONTROL person or his/her designate.

NET CONTROL shall maintain NET discipline at all times. All communications shall be directed to NET CONTROL. If you need to communicate with another member, have NET CONTROL call your party and wait for him/her to relinquish the frequency or assign you to a simplex frequency.

Emergency traffic will always have priority.

NET CONTROL shall maintain a log of all member check-in's and status reports. The following plan will be put into effect:

- Ensure the safety of yourself and your family first.
- Report on the air and give NET CONTROL your call sign and your facility name, and state whether or not you have radio traffic.
- Radio traffic shall be prioritized in three (3) categories in this order:
 1. Emergency (immediate threat to life or property_
 2. Priority (not an emergency but traffic must be handled with minimum delay)
 3. Routine (traffic may be handled as time permits)
- Unless you have emergency radio traffic, stand by until called by NET CONTROL to give your status and your report on conditions and availability.
- When NET CONTROL requests your report provide:
 - Your call sign
 - Your location
 - A brief report of conditions and availability
- Keep a log of all pertinent information you monitor and observe.
- Wait for further instructions regarding a BEARS activation if needed.
- NET CONTROL will close the NET and return the frequency to normal operation when it is determined the Unusual Occurrence is over and/or BEARS involvement is no longer needed.