Net Scripts - Ops - ALTERNATE NET CONTROL TRAINING - 2020-4-6.doc

Outline:	• Check ins in groups • Have People take Reports • Discuss what make a good next alternate net control
Notes:	Date: 4-6-2020 Check-ins: Duration: Comments:

Topic	Tonight's topic is "ALTERNATE NET CONTROL TRAINING".
	Tonight, we're taking the curtain aside. You'll get a behind-the-scenes look at what it means to be an alternate net control. What special powers do these people have, and what do they know that you don't?
	If you are able please go and download the net files at tinyurl.com/altnetctl

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Check-ins	The *Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa* is a directed net. That means that every time you transmit, you are transmitting to Net Control unless I direct you otherwise. It's not an ego thing; my job is to help you move your traffic without interference. Please me mindful of the quick key as there is delay up to the Mingus mountain repeater.
	Since this is Alternate Net Control Training night I would like all stations to copy the check-ins. There is a log available for tonight's net at the link given earlier and again here in a moment. Or you can open a up a blank spreadsheet or get a pencil and paper. All you have to do is copy down the FCC call sign of each station as you hear them. Make sure you put yourself down!
	That link is tinyurl.com/altnetctl.
	Tonight I will take check-ins by Alternate Net Control experience.
	First, I want stations that **have not served** as Net Control or Alternate Net Control on any net.
	Remember to avoid the "Quick Key". Key your radio, wait two seconds, and then give your call sign phonetically.
	I will take 3 call signs at a time. Phonetics are always appreciated.
	Any stations that **have not served** as a Net Control or Alternate Net Control station please call now with your FCC call sign only.
	[Collect and acknowledge call signs.]
	This is <callsign>, Net Control for the Arizona Emergency Net - Maricopa.
	Now I want stations that **have served** as Net Control or Alternate Net Control on any net.
	Again, remember to avoid the "Quick Key".
	3 call signs at a time. With phonetics please.
	Stations that **have served** a Net Control or Alternate Net Control station please call now with your FCC call sign only.
	[Collect and acknowledge call signs.]

Collect Reports (Let Alternate Net Control do this)	Tonight I want all stations who have **not** served as a Net Control or Alternate net control station to help me collect reports. I want each of you to collect reports from the two stations that checked in immediately after you. This will mean that most of you will have to give your report more than once. This will allow us all to make sure we are copying reports correctly. I will begin by taking reports from the first two stations. When I call you please say your name, city, and amateur license class. That's name, city, and license class. [take first 2 reports] Now, [first call sign] please take reports from the two stations who checked in after you, starting with [call sign]. [allow net stations to collect reports until all non-experienced stations have collected 2 reports. Prompt with call signs as necessary] Now we will take reports from the stations who **have** served as Net Control or Alternate Net Control. When I call you, please come with your name, city, and license class. That's name, city, and license class. [have stations take reports from all experienced stations]
Discussion:	Can anyone tell me what a net control does?" • copies check-ins with me • keeps notes • informs me when I double • is available for special assignment • is able to take control if net control cannot continue • what do those mean? Are they more real now that you've been an alternate net control? Now you've all had experience being net control. What are some things that people did that made life easier for you? • use phonetics • take a breath before keying up • send reports in the correct order (i.e. if net control asked for "Name, City" then don't send "City, Name") What did you find the hardest thing about being alternate net control?

	Was being net control harder than you thought it would be? Easier? Did you keep check-ins with a computer or with pen/paper? Did either of these cause you problems or present unexpected advantages? How did actually being net control differ from what you had imagined it would be like?
Summarize	Now you've drawn back the curtain and seen the wizard that is alternate net control. Like the Wizard of Oz, when you get close up you see that it's not quite what you thought - no secret decoder rings, no hotlines to the FCC - just a person like you and me. In fact, exactly like you and me.