Eastern Rockingham County NH ARES

Unified Net Script

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What is the Unified Net Script?

A net script that handles the calls for voice and digital training in the same or a similar fashion, facilitating smooth transitions into and out of digital training.

Background

- Digital training has long been a regular part of our weekly net.
- Until fairly recently, digital training has been treated as its own script, its own net, or an amalgamation of the two.
- The 2 scripts currently in rotation—legacy and W1ROC—do not handle transition to digital training well, usually being contorted on the fly into accommodating digital training.

Purpose

- Absorb the call for digital training cleanly into the script containing the call for voice training, wherein digital training is identified as another training block called within the script.

- Make the ingress and egress points for digital trainer more uniform.

- Make ERCNHARES nets more uniform.

How Digital Training is Integrated

- Capture whether net check-ins will be participating in digital training as they check in.

  – This is done 3 times, including once right before NCS Transfer.

- Add the digital training call as a section in the script in a similar manner as the voice training call section.

  – As with voice training, the digital training *lesson* itself is in a separate doc.

Additional Goals Achieved

- Simplified the script where possible, mitigating the necessary added complexity of integrating digital training section.
  - Reduced the per-section word count, with fewer words to be read.
- Streamlined/corrected how we handle traffic.
- Greatly simplified check-in instructions and calls.

Caveats

- Unavoidable complexity has been added just prior to the transition point for digital training—the [NCS TRANSFER/TRAINER INTRO] section.

  - Lengthiness of digital training requires having the option to pass net control to the digital trainer.

  - Alternatively, original NCS retains net control, treating the digital trainer same as a voice trainer.

  - Cold reading is slightly more difficult due to this section.

Requirements for Success

- Standardize on 1 script.
  - Retire legacy 1990s-era and W1ROC scripts since they work against what we are trying to achieve.

- Prospective NCSs should practice.
  - Cold reading is possible, but NCSs should familiarize themselves with the text beforehand.

Document Conventions

A Document Conventions section is included at the beginning of the script to provide clarity on the norms used in the document.

Print Formatting

- Print double-sided for easy laminating.

- A blank page is included to ensure the last 2 pages are always printed on the same piece of paper, even if all 4 pages are printed.

  ➢ Pro Tip: Print only the last 2 pages.