

GOOD EVENING TO THE NET – KF6JMQ HERE – TRAINING OFFICER

One of my functions as Training Officer is to review material that you have all heard before. Reinforcement by repetition is a necessary tool for volunteers when we have so few real emergencies. In that context, let me say a few words about Nets.

In RACES, we use two kinds of nets – Tactical and Resource.

When an activation occurs, we start a RESOURCE NET on W6UU or Primary Simplex. The resource net gives hams a place to check in and get assignments. Hams leave the resource net only when given an assignment and a new frequency.

The resource net is a directed net using FCC calls and is restricted to traffic involving check-ins and assignments. The San Jose RACES radio room Resource station has a computer containing the resource database of all its members.

The resource net is a directed net – all traffic must go through the Net Control Station.

TACTICAL NETS are the front line during an emergency. Hams operate from their assigned locations with tactical call signs. You should assume that the Tactical Net is a directed net unless told otherwise.

Tactical nets use tactical call signs- call signs that identify the location or function of the station, for example, "Checkpoint 1" or "Berryessa Community Center". The other stations don't have to keep track of FCC call signs. When one operator relieves another at "Checkpoint 1", the tactical call sign does not change

Using tactical call signs does not change the FCC requirement to identify with your call sign every ten minutes or at the end of your transmissions. As an example, "This is Checkpoint 1, KD6FQF."

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