

Joint Emergency Operation Procedures

Magnolia Section Net and Mississippi Section Phone Net

3862 KHz

- 1.0 The Magnolia Section Net (MSN) and the Mississippi Section Phone Net (MSPN) under the auspices of the Mississippi Section of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) conduct daily sessions to train for emergencies. Under normal conditions these two nets operate independently of each other with each having a Net Manager; however, during emergencies, joint operations may be required to effectively expedite the handling of tactical and health/welfare traffic for emergency management and relief agencies. The joint operation will be activated at the request of the Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) and the concurrence of the Net Managers.
- 2.0 The joint daily operational rotation cycle will commence at the beginning of the morning session of the MSN. After all traffic has been handled the formal session will conclude, and the Net will go into emergency session. The MSN Net Manager will be responsible for assigning Net Control Stations (NCS) to monitor the frequency in two-hour shifts (or other shift lengths as specified by the MSN Manager) after conclusion of the formal session. In the event traffic needs to be moved off frequency to another net such as a multi-section tactical net or DRN5, the NCS will recruit a liaison station to move the traffic. (Note: The MSN normally meets on 3862.5 KHz at 6 AM weekdays and 7 AM weekends and Holidays. However, during joint emergency operation the MSN will meet on 3862 KHz to ensure continuity of operations.)
- 3.0 The MSN will be relieved of operations at the start of the MSPN on 3862 KHz (6 PM winter and 6:15 PM summer). After all traffic is handled the MSPN formal session will conclude, and the Net will go into emergency session. The MSPN Net Manager will be responsible for assigning NCSs to monitor the frequency in two hours shifts (or other shift lengths as specified by the MSPN Manager) after conclusion of the formal session. In the event traffic needs to be moved off frequency to another net such as a multi-section tactical net or RN5, the NCS will recruit a liaison station to move the traffic. Net operations will conclude for the day at the discretion of the MSPN Manager; however, during periods of high volume emergency traffic the Net may need operate through the night until relieved by the MSN at 6 AM.
- 4.0 During periods when there is no activity the NCS will announce approximately every ten minutes: "This is (call) net control for the (net name) now in emergency session. Is there any emergency or tactical traffic? Is there any health/welfare traffic? (Handle any traffic). Please keep the frequency clear during quiet periods and monitor for emergency or tactical traffic. Be ready to assist the Net Control Station, as necessary." The NCS is at liberty to vary this procedure as net operation dictates.
- 5.0 These Joint Operation Procedures may be modified at anytime with the concurrence of the SEC and the respective Net Managers.

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