

INTRODUCTION

The Preambles and Procedures shall be complied with by all members when operating in DCS/RACES radio nets. This requirement will insure uniform operating practices throughout the DCS/RACES network so that members from one area can effectively assist in any other area.

PREAMBLES

It shall be the responsibility of the NCS facility supervisor to select the correct preamble to be read for that facility's DCS/RACES net operations. If not informed, the individual operator(s) shall ask for the correct preamble before operating in the net(s). Preambles shall be read exactly as printed with the operator inserting the correct information when required by the blanks in the printed preamble(s).

PROCEDURES

Operators shall conform to the Approved Policies & Procedures throughout the DCS organization.

ABBREVIATIONS, RADIO CODES, AND PHONETIC ALPHABET

Operators shall comply with the following information, and shall not make any substitutions.

EXAMPLES

Examples of preambles and formats for various situations are given on the following six pages.

IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL " at least every 10 minutes, and uses the Unit Identifier at other times.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS — DIC OR CITY

ACTIVATING PREAMBLE:

THIS IS K6CPT STATION _____, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL, NET CONTROL STATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, OPERATING AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISASTER AUTHORITY.

A CLEAR FREQUENCY IS REQUESTED FOR USE BY DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS AND CIVIL DEFENSE UNITS ASSISTING DURING THE PRESENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS IN THE (Area, District or City) .

THIS EMERGENCY IS EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL (if known) .

PERIODICALLY DURING OPERATIONS:

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES ARE NOW IN EFFECT ON THIS FREQUENCY. ALL MEMBERS WILL USE THEIR ASSIGNED UNIT IDENTIFIERS FOLLOWED BY THEIR AMATEUR CALLS. K6CPT STATION _____, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL, IS NOW MONITORING.

CLOSING NET OPERATIONS:

THIS IS K6CPT STATION _____, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL, NET CONTROL STATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, OPERATING AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISASTER AUTHORITY. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE HAVE NOW CONCLUDED IN THE (Area, District or City) _____ .

THE COOPERATION OF ALL AMATEURS IN CLEARING THE FREQUENCY FOR EMERGENCY USE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE FREQUENCY IS CLEAR AT _____ HOURS.

K6CPT STATION _____, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL, IS NOW CLEAR.

NOTE: When a non-member station is heard on frequency, advise the station that K6CPT is operating under the authority of Los Angeles County Ordinance §2.68.140, and that emergency procedures are in effect on the frequency. Request a clear frequency for the duration of the emergency activity. If the breaking station has emergency traffic it is to be taken and passed to the proper agency.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS — DIC OR CITY

ACTIVATING PREAMBLE:

THIS IS (Unit Identifier & Amateur Call Sign) STATION _____, NET CONTROL STATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

THIS IS A DIRECTED CLOSED NET. ONLY AMATEUR STATIONS REGISTERED AS CIVIL DEFENSE UNITS WILL BE RECOGNIZED DURING SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN THE (Area).

THIS ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL _____.

ALL MEMBER STATIONS WILL USE THEIR ASSIGNED UNIT IDENTIFIERS FOLLOWED BY THEIR AMATEUR CALLS.

THIS IS (Unit Identifier & Amateur Call Sign) STATION _____ MONITORING.

CLOSING NET OPERATIONS:

THIS IS (Unit Identifier & Amateur Call Sign) STATION _____, NET CONTROL STATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE UNITS HAVE NOW CONCLUDED IN THE (Area) .

THE COOPERATION OF ALL AMATEURS IN CLEARING THIS FREQUENCY FOR DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE USE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THE FREQUENCY IS CLEAR AT _____ HOURS.

THIS IS (Unit Identifier & Amateur Call Sign) STATION _____ CLEAR.

NOTE: When an unauthorized station is heard on the frequency; Call the station and advise that Los Angeles County DCS is conducting a directed closed net and would appreciate a clear frequency for the duration of the operation. Answer any questions following the net. If the breaking station has emergency traffic it is to be taken and passed to the proper agency.

ROUTINE DRILL — EOC**5 MINUTES BEFORE NET:**

THIS IS K6CPT STATION A, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL . A NET WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THIS FREQUENCY IN FIVE MINUTES. THE COOPERATION OF ALL AMATEURS ON THIS FREQUENCY FOR THE DURATION OF A TEST DRILL TO COMMENCE AT ____ HOURS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THIS IS K6CPT STATION A MONITORING.

OPENING NET:

THIS IS K6CPT STATION A, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL, NET CONTROL STATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

THIS NET IS ACTIVATED AT ____ HOURS. THIS IS A DIRECTED CLOSED NET. ONLY AMATEUR STATIONS REGISTERED AS CIVIL DEFENSE UNITS MAY BE RECOGNIZED BY THIS NET CONTROL STATION.

HOWEVER, AS TIME PERMITS THE NET WILL BE OPEN TO QUESTIONS FOLLOWING CHECK INS. EACH MEMBER STATION WILL USE ITS UNIT IDENTIFIER, FOLLOWED BY ITS AMATEUR CALL.

PROCEDURE:

1. ANNOUNCE WHICH BANDS WILL BE ACTIVATED FOR THE NET.
2. TRANSMIT MESSAGES (EITHER COPY OR READING SPEED).
3. ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT STATIONS, (LIST ANY TRAFFIC).
4. CALL FOR LATE OR MISSED DISTRICT STATIONS.
5. RECEIVE LISTED TRAFFIC FROM DISTRICT STATIONS.
6. CALL FOR CITY EOC STATIONS IN NON-ACTIVE DISTRICTS.
7. CALL FOR SUPPORT EOC (X-RAY) STATIONS.
8. CALL FOR STAFF OFFICER CHECK-INS.
9. CALL FOR ZEBRA OPERATOR CHECK-INS.
10. CALL FOR MEMBERS UNABLE TO CHECK IN WITH THEIR DICS.
11. CALL FOR MEMBERS WISHING A RADIO CHECK.
12. CALL FOR LATE OR MISSED STATIONS.
13. STATION A WILL STAND BY UNTIL ____ HOURS.

CLOSING NET:

THIS IS K6CPT STATION A, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL, NET CONTROL STATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE. THE COOPERATION OF ALL AMATEURS ON THIS FREQUENCY DURING THE TEST DRILL JUST COMPLETED IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE FREQUENCY IS CLEAR AT ____ HOURS. K6CPT STATION A, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL, IS NOW CLEAR.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS — EOC

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CLOSING NET OPERATIONS

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THE COOPERATION OF ALL AMATEURS IN CLEARING THE FREQUENCY FOR EMERGENCY USE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE FREQUENCY IS CLEAR AT HOURS.

K6CPT STATION A, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL, IS NOW CLEAR.

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS — EOC

ACTIVATING PREAMBLE:

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THIS ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL _____ .

ALL MEMBER STATIONS WILL USE THEIR ASSIGNED UNIT IDENTIFIERS FOLLOWED BY THEIR AMATEUR CALLS.

THIS IS K6CPT STATION A MONITORING.

CLOSING NET OPERATIONS:

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE UNITS HAVE NOW CONCLUDED IN THE (Area) .

THE COOPERATION OF ALL AMATEURS IN CLEARING THIS FREQUENCY FOR DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE USE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE FREQUENCY IS CLEAR AT _____ HOURS.

THIS IS K6CPT STATION A, UNIT IDENTIFIER AND AMATEUR CALL, CLEAR.

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