

Learning Event, June 15th, 2017

This Net tonight has been on the GMRS repeater channel, Channel 119.

In an actual emergency, Yellow Radio users will FIRST communicate within their own Zones.

Channel 119 will be used by EVC leadership, to communicate across the Nehalem Bay Area.

So next week, after the Channel 119 Net, we're going to practice setting up Zone Nets in each Zone.

- Zones are areas within which direct radio-to-radio communication is possible.
- Each Zone has its own Zone Channel and will assign its own Zone Net Control.
- You may be wondering, "What's a Zone Net Control?"
 - Zone Net Control directs radio transmissions on the Zone Channel.
 - All communication goes through Zone Net Control.
 - People do not talk directly to each other on a Net, they talk to Net Control.
 - ZNC keeps a log of who is communicating in the Zone.
 - ZNC is the only one who communicates on Channel 119.

Here's what will happen next Thursday evening:

After the regular check-in Net, GMRS Net Control will ask all participants to switch from Channel 119 to their particular Zone Channel. So everyone in Zone 4, for example, will switch to Channel 104.

For this exercise, each Zone will have a prearranged Zone Net Control. The ZNC will start the Zone Net by asking Zone participants to check in and give their name.

So for Zone 4, you'll hear:

"Zone 4, this is Zone 4 Net Control. Please check in to let me know you are participating." Then Zone 4 members will check in. The ZNC (or a helper) will write down each person who checks in.

After all participants have called in, the ZNC will instruct everyone to switch back to Channel 119. The GMRS Net Control will then ask each ZNC to report how many people checked into their Zone Net. Hopefully everyone who checks into the regular net on Channel 119 will also check in on their Zone Net so the numbers should match!

Be sure to tune in NEXT WEEK to see how this works in real life!

Finally:

These education moments are on the EVCNB website, under EMCOMM, Thursday Radio Net, Learning Events.

Don't forget the "YR" classes!

YR 101, basic “How-to” for Yellow Radios, is offered monthly. Check the News and Events tab on the EVCNB website to find out how to register. The next class, on July 15th, is nearly full; the class after that is on August 8th.

YR 102, How to use Yellow Radios in Zones, is coming up in the second half of July