

Learning Event, June 22nd, 2017

Over the last few weeks we've become experts at checking in by Zone. Tonight we are going to practice setting up Zone Nets. As a reminder, Zones are areas where all YR users should be able to talk among themselves without going through the repeater on Channel 119. Each Zone has its own Zone Channel and its own Zone Net Control. Zone communication is important for

- gathering information about conditions (damage, injuries, fatalities, resources available and resources needed)
- organizing mutual support

All this can be done on the local Zone Channel without trying up Channel 119. When needed, the Zone Net Control can move to Channel 119 to communicate with the EOC. This ensures Channel 119 is available to handle communication across all of the Nehalem Bay area most efficiently. (Remember how crazy Channel 119 was during the tornado?)

So let's do some Zone communication!

For tonight's exercise we have pre-arranged for ZNCs. They are:

Zone 1 - SusanR

Zone 2 - ValerieT

Zone 3 - MikeS

Zone 4 - SteveD

Zone 5 & 8 - PaulK

Zone 6 -

Zone 7 -

Zone 8 -

Zone 9 -

Zone 100 (Channel 116) - David E (plus Cape Mears)

<Note: How do we handle when there aren't many check-ins in a Zone? Ask them to go to an adjacent zone?>

When we are ready, everyone (except for me) will move to their Zone Channel. (Quick hint: To get to Zone Channel 4, enter 104 on your YR keypad. Zone Channel 6 would be 106, etc.)

Once over on your Zone Channel, your ZNC will ask for check-ins and write down everyone who checks-in.

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 everyone in the Zone has called in, the ZNC will instruct everyone to switch back to Channel 119. On Channel 119, the ZNC will call the GMRS Net Control and 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!

If you switch over to your Zone Net and don't hear anyone, give a callout yourself. If still no one, come on back to Channel 119 and let us know.

Okay. Let's do this! Everyone please move to their Zone Channel. ZNCs, please come back here no later than 6:20.

<Exercise>

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