

GMRS Net Learning Moment, August 3, 2017  
Doubling

The topic for tonight is DOUBLING, which we have noted in previous Nets is very common and can be frustrating.

- Doubling happens when several people try to transmit at the same time. It's very common when multiple people are trying to check in. We experience it many times during every GMRS Net.
- Occasionally, doubling happens if someone pushes the PTT button prematurely, while someone else is transmitting. In that case, one or both transmissions won't be heard.
- Mostly, though, doubling is accidental.
- So how do we know if doubling is happening?
  - Net participants may hear a burst of static
  - You may think you have checked in, but Net Control hasn't acknowledged you
- **If Net Control doesn't acknowledge your call-in, you weren't heard. Try again. Be patient.**
- If you, as a Net participant, hear someone trying to check in several times, and Net Control doesn't acknowledge, YOU can call Net Control, wait to be recognized, and tell Net Control that you heard someone checking in who wasn't acknowledged. This is called relaying. In some situations, when transmission from certain areas is difficult, relaying can be very important.
- **Get used to recognizing and managing doubling now, when it's NOT a major event or emergency!**