

EDUCATIONAL MOMENT: 11/9/17

THIS IS GAIL with this evening's Educational Moment. Tonight's topic is:  
USING YOUR YELLOW RADIO OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME ZONE

You know already how to turn on your radio to Channel 19R for a connection to MOC Headquarters. And - you also know how to switch your radio to your specific HOME ZONE for the Zone Call-In. In fact, that's what these Thursday practices are all about!

BUT - what if an emergency hits when you aren't at home - when you're in a zone other than your own? To prepare for that situation, many Yellow Radio owners have a second yellow radio which they keep in their cars - along with the LONG ANTENNA for wider Nehalem Bay reception. Depending on how far from home you are, the Long Antenna might connect you to your Home Zone.

BUT IF NOT - IF YOU CANNOT CONNECT TO YOUR HOME ZONE - you should check-in with the zone where you're located. For example, if you live in Zone 1 but find yourself in downtown Manzanita (which is in Zone 2) you should switch your radio to the Channel for Zone 2 and check-in by giving your Name and your home zone number.

That means, of course, that you need to know the Channels of Zones other than your own. They're listed on the Home Page of the EVC Website. A zone map is also on the front page of the Website. Having that list of Zone Channel numbers - in your car - along with your Yellow Radio - gives you everything you need for emergency communication when you're outside of your home zone.

So: OPTION 1 - with a Yellow Radio and Long Antenna in your car - is to try for a connection to your Home Zone.

OPTION 2 - Turn your radio to the channel of the Zone where you're located - Check-in with your Name and Home Zone.

OPTION 3 - If you're away from home and cannot get a connection to your Home Zone or to the Zone where you're located, you have the option of going to Channel 19R to listen to and possibly report emergency information. But remember, Channel 19R is primarily meant for us to RECEIVE information - so we should do more listening than talking on Channel 19R. We don't want to jam it up, especially in an emergency.

In summary:

WHAT'S THE TAKE-AWAY FROM THIS EVENING'S EDUCATIONAL MOMENT?

For Emergency Preparedness outside of your home zone, you would have in your car:

- 1 A Yellow Radio with its Long Antennae
- 2 A list of Zone channel numbers - and a map of the Nehalem Bay Area Zones.

Thank you for listening. This is Gail - Over -