

Educational moment about the Zone Net Control - who does it and what is there to do?

The Zone Net Control provides the structured communication necessary to ensure an effective net on your zone's channel.

In the event of an emergency, it will be crucial that a Zone Net Control and a scribe are established early on for yellow radio communications in your zone network. The first or second person to check in on the zone's channel usually volunteers to be the Zone Net Control, and then lets others know that he or she will assume this role. The Zone Net Control may then ask for a volunteer to serve as scribe to keep a log of information shared, if they don't have a scribe at their location. In an emergency, the Zone Net Control position can be handed off to someone with more radio experience or in a better location later on if there is availability.

After the Zone Net Control is established, other individuals may then begin to check in - but only when the Zone Net Control requests them to do so. Remember, all communication goes through Zone Net Control, so address your communication to that person. After you check in by identifying yourself to the Zone Net Control, you will know you have been heard when the Zone Net Control acknowledges your check in. Then the next person may check in, again waiting for confirmation from Zone Net Control. For our weekly drills, when all have checked in, the Zone Net Control (or the scribe if the scribe and Zone Net Control are not at the same location) reports the names to Net Control on the GMRS repeater at channel 119.

We encourage you to volunteer to be your Zone Net Control or scribe for our GMRS weekly drills.