

YR Ed Moment

Protocol in an Emergency: LISTEN ONLY on 119

The procedure we've been practicing of starting out on channel 119 and moving to the Zone channel is **not** the protocol if there is a real emergency.

If there is an emergency and you can get to your Yellow Radio, go immediately to your usual Zone Channel and listen if others are already on the channel. Channel 119 will be only for emergency communication, so don't go there.

Once you are on your Zone channel, if you don't hear anyone, ask if anyone is listening. "Hello Zone Channel 2, this is Susan H. Is anyone listening?" If no one responds, try again in 30 seconds.

If someone responds, find out if someone has volunteered as the Zone Net Control. If not, when there are 3 or 4 people on the channel, select someone as Zone Net Control.

If you don't hear anyone after several minutes, you become the default Zone Net Control. (And since you're the only one around, it's a net of 1.)

The Zone Net Control will conduct a Zone Channel check-in just as we do on Thursday night. Find out who and how many people are on-the-air.

Once the ZNC has a count, she or he will suspend the Zone Channel net for a time so she or he can report that information to the Yellow Radio Net Control on the YR Net on channel 119. While the Zone Channel net is suspended, you may listen on channel 119. Once checked-in, the ZNC will receive instructions and information on how to proceed.

At some point the ZNC will be instructed to return to their Zone Channel to gather more information and/or to share news learned on the YR Net. At that point you should also return to your Zone Channel if you didn't stay there. Most likely the ZNC will have been asked for more situational information from your Zone.

The ZNC will be moving back and forth between the Zone Channel and channel 119 delivering information from the Zone to Emergency Management and distributing information from Emergency Management to the Zone.

To keep information flowing as efficiently as possible throughout the region, it is **vital** that only ZNC's communicate on channel 119. It is okay to listen when your Zone Channel net is suspended but **no talking!** If you have something to say, wait until your ZNC is back on your Zone Channel.