

YR Ed Moment

What to do if Net Control doesn't show up

What do you do if you tune in to the YR Net and there's no Net Control? This has happened a time or two.

It's actually the same situation that you face when you tune to your Zone channel - someone has to step up and volunteer to be Net Control. Sometimes that can take an uncomfortably long time!

In ICS training, we learn that the first person to arrive at the scene of an emergency is (at least temporarily) the Incident Commander. You can think of stepping up to be Net Control in a similar way. Unless you have severe laryngitis or extreme stage fright, you can step up to be Net Control on Channel 119, from your own home. You don't have to be at the MOC with the fancy radio!

So if you tune in to the Thursday YR Net and you don't hear anyone starting the net by 2 or 3 minutes after 6PM, you can say "This is Jane D in Zone 1, and in the absence of a Net Control I will be Net Control for this evening's YR Net."

Then just follow the usual structure of the YR Net that we're familiar with. Basically, identify yourself, introduce the Net, then ask participants to tune to their Zone channels, and ask the Zone Net Controls to call in with the total number of participants from their Zone. That's all there is to it!

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