

## **Tonight's Ed Moment is on Directed Nets and Checking Out of a Net**

We all seem to have one half of the Directed Net concept down: That is the rule that you talk to Net Control, and only to Net Control, unless directed otherwise by Net Control.

The other half of the Directed Net concept is that you don't talk until Net Control has given you permission, or 'directed' you, to talk. The reason for this is that you need to be sure that Net Control can hear you, and is listening to you. This direction from Net Control is:

Ann: **"Go ahead so-and-so"**

or something very similar.

During our Thursday practice Nets I have heard Zone Net Controls call into the channel 119 Net by saying:

Valerie: **"Net Control, this is Zone X Net Control, I had six checkins tonight. Over"**

What if channel 119 Net Control did not hear the Zone X Net Control? The message of six checkins would have been lost.

During our practice Nets the proper way for a Zone Net Control to call into the Channel 119 Net is to say:

Valerie: **"Net Control, this is Zone X Net Control",**

and nothing more. You don't have to say you have the checkin count for your Zone; Channel 119 Net Control knows that's why you are calling in. You wait for direction from Net Control before you speak. The exchange should go like this:

Valerie: **"Net Control, this is Valerie, Zone 2 Net Control."**

Ann: **"Go ahead Valerie."**

Valerie: **"I had six checkins tonight. Over"**

Ann: **"Six checkins, thank you Zone 2 Net Control. Over"**

Valerie: **"Valerie, Out"**

This same protocol is used within your Zone. After you have checked into your Zone Net, and you want to say something to your Zone Net Control, you say:

Valerie: **"Zone Net Control, this is so-and-so",**

and then you need to wait for the Zone Net Control to direct you to speak by saying:

Ann: **“Go ahead so-and-so”**

or something very similar.

In Zone 2 the exchange should go like this:

Valerie: **“Zone 2 Net Control, this is Valerie.”**

Ann: **“Go ahead Valerie.”**

Valerie: **“I saw the fire engine go by 3rd & College 10 minutes ago. Over”**

Ann: **“Thank you Valerie, I’ll pass that information along. Over”**

### **(Second half of Ed Moment)**

After you have checked into a Net, you are expected to stay on that Net until the Net is closed, or you have to leave the Net for some reason. On our Thursday practice Nets you are to stay on your Zone Net until your Zone Net Control Closes the Net. You do not have to check out. Zone Net control will say “I’m closing the Net”, and that’s it, the Net is over.

On a real, non-practice, Net, once you have checked in, Net Control assumes that you are on the Net until you check out. Net Control will make a list of those on the Net. To check out you would say:

Valerie: **“Zone Net Control, this is so-and-so”,**

and then wait for the Zone Net Control to direct you to speak by saying:

Ann: **“Go ahead so-and-so”**

or something very similar.

You would then say:

Valerie: **“I am checking out of the Net. Over”**

and Zone Net Control would say:

Ann: **“So-and-so, I have you checked out of the Net. Please let me know when you return. Over”**

And you would say:

Valerie: **“So-and-so, out”**

Please note that when you are done with a conversation you don’t say: **“Over and out”**. These two terms are contradictory. **“Over”** means you are waiting for the other person to speak. This is not

the case when you are checking out of a Net. **“Out”** means you are done with the conversation and may not even be listening any more.

In Zone 2 the exchange should go like this:

Valerie: **“Zone 2 Net Control, this is Valerie.”**

Ann: **“Go ahead Valerie.”**

Valerie: **“I am checking out of the Net. Over”**

Ann: **“Valerie, I have you checked out of the Net. Please let me know when you return. Over”**

Valerie: **“Valerie, Out”**