

Jefferson Emergency Management Net Instructions

Jefferson County Emergency Management has instituted a radio based emergency and disaster preparedness communications system called JEMNET-2. This communications network encompasses partner organizations that participate in practice exercises and actual disaster and emergency communications exercises.

Each Wednesday the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or its designated alternate will call a net to order at 0900 hrs local time for a readiness check of the various partners using the JCDEM 2-meter amateur radio repeater located in Port Townsend. The net will include local ARES/RACES members, Clallam County EOC, Kitsap County EOC, community-based stations set up by the Jefferson County Dept. of Emergency Management, local Red Cross, and neighborhood preparedness communications groups.

Net control operators will use the attached script to call the net. Items in the script printed in *italics* are stage directions telling the control operator what to do. Non-italic type is the script of what the control operator will say on the air.

Net Control will collect messages and disseminate information pertaining to amateur radio protocol, disaster preparedness and coordinate local practice and actual formal traffic.

The attached scrip has three sections. First is the **preamble** which defines the net and gives instructions to responders what to do when checking into the net.

The second section, called **Check-ins** is devoted to calling for stations to check in to the net. The net control operator will log the check-ins on the Check-in Log.

The control operator will call for traffic or announcements and process each using appropriate message handling forms established for the purpose at the end of check-ins or whenever appropriate.

At times, net control will accept traffic from stations with certain priorities. He will call for stations from a particular operations area with the standardized, color coded, traffic priorities. These priorities are listed on other document in this section for definitions and color designations.