

## **Guidelines for Participation in Public Service Event Nets**

1. Please arrive on time at the designated location. Talk-in/pre-event chat is usually on 147.300 or 146.940.
2. Communication volunteers do not transport anyone.
3. Communication volunteers do not give medical aid except in a true emergency. In case of a true emergency, provide only the assistance for which you have been trained and with which you are comfortable.
4. When contacting the net:
  - a. Key your mike and wait a second or two before speaking – frequently the first second or two are not transmitted.
  - b. Begin your call with your TACTICAL call (i.e. Checkpoint 3).
  - c. End your call with YOUR CALLSIGN (i.e. KF4VMJ).
  - d. Always make your call to NET CONTROL. If you need to have direct communication with another station, ask permission from NET CONTROL and WAIT for NET CONTROL to grant the permission.
  - e. Keep your communications brief and pertinent to the event.
5. Report the following unless specific instructions have given for a special event:
  - a. Number of the 1<sup>st</sup> male participant.
  - b. Number of the 1<sup>st</sup> female participant.
  - c. Number of the 1<sup>st</sup> youth participant.
  - d. Number and brief description of the LAST participant.
  - e. Any handicapped participants and/or other specific participants for whom checkpoints should watch.
  - f. Any other information for the safety of the participants and radio operators (i.e., speeding vehicles, participants who appear to be ill or in distress but decline assistance, etc.)
6. When NET CONTROL calls you, please respond immediately.
7. Do not leave your position without permission from NET CONTROL. If you need to leave for any reason, call NET CONTROL and request permission. Be sure to call NET CONTROL upon resuming your position.
8. If ANYONE calls you directly (without prior permission from NET CONTROL), do not respond. It is the authority of NET CONTROL to direct ALL traffic during a directed net.