



# MedCom Directed Net Check-in Procedure

*Accurate, Rapid communications for our Served Agency*

Emergency communications generally take place in a directed net environment. The directed net differs from casual amateur operation in that there are specific rules of the road. Directed net procedures are all geared toward accurate, rapid communications. The Directed net runs more smoothly when all participants follow the same rules.

The net control station has absolute control of the net. Follow the net control's directions.

## **Equipment Needed** – in addition to your radio station

- Pencil
- Notepad
- Your EARS!

## **How to check in**

- LISTEN to the directions of the NECOS (**NEt COntrol Station**)
  - The NECOS may request your: Callsign, Name, Location, Traffic, etc. Make sure you know what is being requested. Don't waste net time by transmitting needless information.
- WRITE DOWN the information about your station NECOS has requested – end with the Proword OVER
  - Writing the info down will make check-in a breeze and the NECOS will appreciate the information in the order requested – It makes the logging easier!
- When the NECOS asks for check-ins, Listen to make sure the frequency is clear.
- Key your mic and transmit the NECOS's callsign.
- UNKEY your mic and LISTEN for 2 to 3 seconds to make sure another station is not calling at the same time – called Doubling.
- If the frequency is clear, transmit the information you have written for your check in.
- The NECOS will acknowledge your station check in by sending "(your callsign), ROGER, OUT".
- If the NECOS doesn't list your callsign, wait until the next call for check-ins and try again. *Make sure you are following the directions or the NECOS may not recognize your check-in.*
- Write a list of stations participating in the net as they check in. This list will help when you need to send a message to another station on the net.