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MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST MTSB-11

HOW TO BE AN NCS – PART 2

DIRECTED AND FREE NETS

ALL USAF MARS NETS OPEN AS DIRECTED NETS. IN A “DIRECTED NET” A STATION MUST HAVE THE PERMISSION OF THE NCS TO TRANSMIT AND/OR CONTACT OTHER STATIONS IN THE NET.

AFTER ALL TRAFFIC AND OTHER NET BUSINESS HAS CONCLUDED, THE NCS MAY DECLARE THE NET AS A “FREE NET”. DURING A “FREE NET” STATIONS MAY CONTACT EACH OTHER FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OUT OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM THE NCS. A NET IS DECLARED AS A “FREE NET” PER THIS EXAMPLE:

“NOVEMBER CHARLIE MIKE ONE THIS IS ALPHA FOXTROT ALPHA FIFE JULIET ROMEO THE NET IS FREE OUT”

ONCE DECLARED A “FREE NET” THE NET REMAINS “FREE” UNTIL THE NCS EITHER MAKES A NET CALL OR CHANGES THE NET BACK TO A “DIRECTED NET” AS PER THIS EXAMPLE:

“NOVEMBER CHARLIE MIKE ONE THIS IS AFLPHA FOXTROT ALPHA FIFE JULIET ROMEO THE NET IS DIRECTED OUT”

ROLL CALL RADIO CHECK

THE NCS MAY PERFORM A “NET CONTINUITY CHECK” OR “ROLL CALL RADIO CHECK” AT ANY TIME DURING THE NET. UNLESS THE NCS SUSPECTS A DRASTIC CHANGE IN PROPAGATION, THE ROLL CALL RADIO CHECK IS NORMALLY NOT PERFORMED DURING ONE HOUR NETS AND RARELY CONDUCTED MORE OFTEN THAN ONCE EACH HALF HOUR. FOR MULTI-HOUR NETS, THE ROLL CALL RADIO CHECK IS USUALLY CONDUCTED EARLY IN THE SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT HOURS OF THE NET.

CLOSING THE NET

AT THE APPOINTED CLOSING TIME, THE NCS CLOSSES THE NET BY SENDING THE NET DESIGNATOR (IN PHONETICS) FOLLOWED BY “THIS IS” FOLLOWED BY THE NCS CALL SIGN (IN PHONETICS) FOLLOWED BY THE PROWORD “CLOSE DOWN” FOLLOWED BY THE PROWORD “OUT” PER THIS EXAMPLE”

“NOVEMBER CHARLIE MIKE ONE THIS IS ALPHA FOXTROT ALPHA FIFE JULIET ROMEO CLOSE DOWN OUT”

NO ADDITIONAL TRANSMISSIONS ARE REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED. THE NCS ON-AIR DUTIES ARE COMPLETED AND THERE IS NO NEED TO EITHER CONTACT THE INCOMING NCS OR INFORM HIM/HER THAT THE NET HAS CONCLUDED.

REPORTING NET PARTICIPATION

IN ORDER FOR STATIONS TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN A NET THE NCS MUST REPORT THIS ACTIVITY. IF YOU ARE A SCHEDULED NCS SIMPLY INCLUDE ALL NETS THAT YOU CONDUCT IN YOUR QUARTERLY REPORT. IF YOU ARE NOT A SCHEDULED NCS PROVIDE PARTICIPATION INFORMATION TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED NCS FOR INCLUSION IN HIS/HER REPORT.

WHEN REPORTING NET PARTICIPATION REMEMBER THAT PARTICIPATION CREDIT IS GRANTED BASED ON THE ACTUAL TIME IN THE NET ROUNDED UP TO THE NEXT QUARTER HOUR. NCS MAY CLAIM TWO HOURS CREDIT FOR EACH HOUR SERVING AS NCS.

THIS ENDS THIS MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST.

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