

For transmission the week of 12/6/2010

MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST MTSB-13

BREACHES OF PROTOCOL OR DISREGARD FOR ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES CAUSES CONFUSION AND MISUNDERSTANDING DURING NETS. ANYONE CAN SLIP NOW AND THEN AND MAKE A MISTAKE. BUT CONTINUED VIOLATIONS MAY HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES UP TO AND INCLUDING TERMINATION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN USAF MARS.

THINGS THAT BUG TRAINERS

THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS OF INCORRECT PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN MADE DURING NET OPERATIONS:

1. USING NAMES AND PLEASANTRIES ("PLEASE", "THANK YOU" ETC.) OUTSIDE OF THE FREE PORTION OF THE NET
2. REPETITION OF WORDS OR PHRASES EVEN WHEN PROPAGATION IS GOOD
3. THE TERM 'BREAK' OTHER THAN IN A MESSAGE
4. SPLITTING PHONETICS AND PLAIN LANGUAGE, AS ALPHA FOXTROT ALPHA FIVE JR OR AFA5 JULIET ROMEO
5. STATION ANSWERING ROLL CALL RADIO CHECK USING FULL PROCEDURE
6. STATION ANSWERING ROLL CALL RADIO CHECK WITH UNNECESSARY PHRASES SUCH AS "I HAVE YOU", "YOU ARE" ETC.
7. OPEN MIKE/VOX
8. BACKGROUND NOISE, TV OR FM RADIO, OTHER NETS
9. LEAVING THE NET WITHOUT ASKING TO CLOSE.
10. TUNING DURING THE NET WITHOUT PERMISSION OF NCS
11. NO PAUSE TO CHECK FOR DUAL TRANSMISSIONS BETWEEN NCS CALL SIGN AND "THIS IS" DURING CHECK IN
12. UNINTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE, WRONG CHANNEL, WRONG TIME.
13. INFORMALS BEING CONDUCTED ON SECONDARY FREQUENCY WITH OUT THE APPROVAL OF NCS
14. UNIDENTIFIED TRANSMISSIONS
15. RELAYING STATIONS TO THE NCS WHEN THE RELAYING STATION DOES NOT HAVE THE FULL CALL SIGN OR TRAFFIC STATUS
16. USING THE PHRASE "I REPEAT" INSTEAD OF THE PROWORD "I SAY AGAIN"

IT BEHOOVES ALL OF US TO REVIEW THE CORRECT PROCEDURES AND INSTILL WITHIN OUR RANKS THE PROFESSIONALISM THAT WE ARE MILITARY RADIO COMMUNICATORS SECOND TO NONE. REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY AND DO IS BEING OBSERVED BY OUR TRAINEES, OTHER MARS MEMBERS, HAMS AND CASUAL LISTENERS. WE ALL NEED TO BE GOOD ROLL MODELS, ALL OF THE TIME.

THIS ENDS THIS MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST.

ARE THERE ANY REQUESTS FOR FILLS? OVER