

KERN COUNTY CENTRAL VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ROAD AND WEATHER NET 2014/15

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR OPERATORS

Thank you for participating in the annual Road and Weather Net. This net is a NATIONALLY known service and could not be done without your donated time and effort. This service is provided by friends and members of this club. Part 97 rules do apply.

This is an **INFORMAL NET** and would only become formal in the case of an emergency or priority situation. This net is organized as a public service effort providing the usual friendly assistance local hams, such as yourself, are famous for. It will be activated as needed during holidays and emergency weather situations. The "situations" that may occur are: accidents, lost motorist, weather reports and road conditions. The following procedures are recommended for the various incidents. Remember you are "Net Control". Before you begin your shift have Log Sheets, maps, phone lists, message forms, etc. ready. Obtain a briefing from the NCS you replace.

ACCIDENTS: Attempt to get all the information about the situation BEFORE you call for assistance. This includes such things as exact location (address, ramps, paddle markers, vehicle description and license number, etc.), injury data (you are not a doctor so if they indicate someone is hurt, tell the 911 Operator). Having collected all the information, call 911 and relay it to the proper authorities and stay on the line if asked. Keep the person calling in calm, and advised as to your progress. If you remain calm, so will everyone else. REMEMBER that you are in charge of the situation. Tell other hams on frequency that you have an emergency in progress and to stand by. Many times you will get too many people trying to help and this only makes the situation worse. Stay calm and stay in charge!

LOST MOTORIST: Have area maps available so you can refer to them for local assistance. You are NOT expected to be an expert on other Cities or Communities. Most people are looking for places to eat or find fuel so it is handy to have a phone book nearby so you can give them some options.

WEATHER REPORTS: Hams will want to know what the weather is where they are going so check with the weather service via scanner or TV or whatever source you can find the gives current information. Other amateurs traveling in the area will give you reports on conditions in the areas they have recently visited

ROAD CONDITIONS: This is similar to above, but most of the information will come from local amateurs. REMEMBER: road and weather conditions can change very rapidly this time of year so monitor these conditions carefully. BE NEAR A PHONE WHEN ACTING AS NET CONTROL!

KCCVARC-w6lie.org

California Highway Patrol

<http://cad.chp.ca.gov/Traffic.aspx>

National Weather Service – Hanford, CA

www.wrh.noaa.gov/hnx

Western Kern County Ares Web Site

<http://westernkerncountyares.org/>

