

# KNOXVILLE HAZ MAT



## Introduction

Charlie McGee (K4CFM), Welcome to the role of Emergency Communications and you are virtually located on-site at the incident. It is important to note that you are NOT the incident commander nor NET control. You are virtually embedded with the first responders. Your fellow role players will be virtually located at their location as well. You have been assigned to handle communications for the Knoxville HazMat team.

## When and Where

Be sure to be on Morgan SET NET Channel 2 (the 147.255 repeater) by noon on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will hear the scenario that you and your team is faced with. Please remember to preface all communications with **"This is a drill"** and use your tactical call sign as **'Knox HazMat**. Be sure to provide your FCC call sign every 10 minutes and at the end of a call.

If a call comes in **"Real Emergency"** you are to suspend the drill and if needed assist with the emergency traffic.

## Kickoff

After the facilitator has read the scenario starting at noon on Saturday and net control has established the SET NET others will begin to check in. You are a *surprise communicator* and your tactical call sign is **"KNOX HAZMAT"**. Do NOT check in when others do as you will send your first message after 12:15 pm on the Morgan County repeater (Morgan SET NET Channel 2).

## Backstory

Here is your backstory to help you visualize your role as it is virtual (do not read over the air):

*It is total chaos as you arrive on the scene as the fire departments are rushing to stage equipment and personnel. The actual incident is not visible from your location so you feel safe,*

*yet you can see flames and lots of black smoke over the tree line. You were asked to provide communications for the fire department, but an urgent need has risen as the HazMat team from Knoxville does not have communications to the incident command or back to Knoxville. You have met the HazMat Captain but without your pencil and paper have already forgotten his name. You vow not to let this happen again and make a mental note to update your GO-KIT. You call him 'Captain' and that works, and he calls you 'Ham'. Residents in the area have gathered to see what is happening creating a traffic jam as well. People are complaining of not having internet or home phone service. Cell phones are not working so you are effectively the only source of communications into or out of incident scene. During a quick briefing you are told that the incident occurred next to a river that is now in jeopardy of becoming contaminated or possibly spreading the fire.*

## Next Steps

Please document any formal traffic using an ICS-213 form. Do not transmit your first message until Morgan Fire has announced that you are on site which will be after 12:15. At 12:17 the Captain (virtually) hands you a message that he wants sent as soon as possible. It is important to note that you are not the author of the ICS 213 message and are not permitted to make any decisions on it or other tactical situations. Your job is to simply pass traffic.

All outbound messages have been created for your use and are time sensitive so be as close as possible to the time stamp (box 6) on the ICS 213 form as possible. Always monitor the assigned frequency as you may be called upon at any time for either formal or informal traffic. Have a couple blank ICS 213 forms ready if you are asked to copy down a message for the captain. It is imperative that all messages be handled accurately, timely and efficiently. Expect there to be mistakes on your side and others.

## Conclusion

The exercise will conclude at 1:30 p.m. eastern. The county facilitator will make a brief announcement at that time thanking everyone for their participation. All messages will be secured and turned over to your facilitator for final review. The facilitator will perform a quick debrief and hot wash to obtain immediate feedback from all the volunteers.

## Approximate Timeline for Scott Fire:

Noon-12:15pm Monitor assigned frequency/channel

12:15 to 12:30 Transmit Knox HazMat 1 after hearing Morgan Fire announce that you're there

12:30 to 12:45 Transmit Knox HazMat 2

12:45 to 13:00 Transmit Knox HazMat 3

13:00 to 13:15 Monitor assigned frequency/channel

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13:30 to 14:00 Participate as directed during debrief/hot-wash

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<b>3. From</b> (Name and Position):		
<b>4. Subject:</b>	<b>5. Date:</b>	<b>6. Time</b>
<b>7. Message:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><i>THIS IS A DRILL</i></b></span>		
<b>8. Approved by:</b> Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____		
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