

# MORGAN FIRE



## Introduction

Dale Meggs (W4WTN), 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 Morgan County Fire Department.

## 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 ‘**Morgan Fire**’. 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 you are to check in with Morgan Command and provide them with your tactical call sign which is “**Morgan Fire**” on Morgan SET NET Channel 2 (the 147.255 repeater). In your own words communicate that you are using a radio mounted in your vehicle and are adjacent to the fire command trailer and any information that you feel is important to let Morgan Command to know. It is ok to make up answers if somebody asks you an informal question!!

## 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 there as they are rushing to stage equipment and fire fighters. 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 have met the Wartburg Fire Chief 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 'Chief' and that works, and he calls you 'Ham'. Each department responding is told to switch to a local tactical channel effectively reducing their coverage to the incident scene. 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.

## Next Steps

After your initial check in and informal report please document any formal traffic using an ICS-213 form. At 12:15pm the Fire Chief (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 fire chief. 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 Morgan Fire:

Noon-12:15pm Informal as you check into the SET NET

12:15 to 12:30 Transmit Morgan Fire Message 1 after other traffic (if present) transmit Morgan Fire Message 2.

12:30 to 12:45 Monitor assigned frequency/channel

12:45 to 13:00 Monitor assigned frequency/channel

13:00 to 13:15 Transmit Morgan Fire Message 3

13:15 to 13:30 Monitor assigned frequency/channel

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

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**GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)**

<b>1. Incident Name</b> (Optional):		
<b>2. To</b> (Name and Position):		
<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>THIS IS A DRILL</b></span>		
<b>8. Approved by:</b> Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____		
<b>9. Reply:</b>		
<b>10. Replied by:</b> Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____		
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