

SCOTT COUNTY COMMAND



Introduction

Matt (KN4YKN) & Irene (KN4ZHL) Welcome to the role of Net Control and you are virtually located at the Scott County Command center. As this is a key role you are being asked to work as a team. It does not matter who is the 'voice' of Net Control but please try to be consistent in your role. It is important to note that you are NOT the incident commander or any tactical decision maker. Your task is to simply direct and pass traffic that is directed either to you or from your virtual EMA director. Your fellow role players will be virtually located at their location as well. You have been assigned to handle communications for **Scott Command**.

Please work together as a team as it may start slowly but the pace will quicken quickly. Your primary role is to handle the traffic on the NET and you will have four messages of your own to send to other locations (people). There will also be in-bound messages to you as well that will need to be recorded on ICS 213 forms.

When and Where

The SET exercise begins at Noon on Saturday October 3rd and the county facilitator will make a general announcement Scott SET NET Channel 1 (the 145.350 repeater).

Please remember to preface all communications with **"This is a drill"** and use your tactical call sign as **'Scott Command'**. 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

Grab a pencil and paper and be prepared for taking some general notes. The details are NOT critical at this point it is simply to set the scene for the exercise. After the facilitator has read the scenario starting at noon on Saturday you will need to establish your NET quickly. It is suggested that you introduce yourself and explain (quickly) the highlights from your backstory and that you are NET control for this channel. It should be a formal and directed NET.

Backstory

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

You are in a school building (computer lab) that has been opened as a command center. It is total chaos as tables are being setup and power cords are being ran all over the floor for power in a lunchroom. You are thankful that your hand-held radio is fully charged, and the charger was in your GO-KIT. You meet the commander but realize you have forgotten your paper and pencil. You vow not to let this happen again and make a mental note to update your GO-KIT. You call him 'Commander' and he calls you 'Ham' which is a good start. You quickly realize that there are various tables designated by their purpose (FEMA, EMA, Mayor etc) knowing that you will not get a break and will be running to each table to deliver and pick up messages as needed. The FEMA commander has the only satellite phone and refuses to yield it to anyone else as they state they have an open line to their counterpart in Nashville. Cell phones do not seem to work well inside the building and the school's phones are not working. While there is Wi-Fi no one knows the password for it, so you are the only means of communication to others. You have already requested additional support from your ARES Emergency Coordinator but are told that for the next 90 minutes you are on your own. You take a deep breath and know that the next hour and a half will be stressful, but you are glad of your training as a net control. The classes you have taken will help even though you have not prepared for this role.

Next Steps

Utilize Scott SET NET Channel 1 for your primary communications. You will need to function as net control passing traffic between operators and possibly between Scott (Scott SET NET Channel 1) and Morgan (Morgan SET NET Channel 2). **YOU** cannot leave the frequency so if any traffic needs to be passed to another county (NET) **YOU** will need to decide who does that based on their ability to reach other repeaters. Hopefully, someone will volunteer to be your relay.

It is HIGHLY suggested that you conduct a directed or formal NET. Expect there to be numerous role players each with messages to send to other locations. You will need to establish rules quickly before things spiral out of control (expect that they will). Having people identify they have a message and for what location will allow you to organize the flow of messages to some point. Expect there to be some confusion on the participants part as well.

As you establish your NET you may want to help create the pattern for check ins by stating your tactical call sign (**Scott Command**) and using your back story very briefly tell them where you are at. There will be multiple operators checking in with you. Do your best to keep track of at least their tactical call signs their exact location or FCC call sign is NOT critical.

It is important to note that you are not the author of any ICS 213 message and are not permitted to make any decisions on it or other tactical situations. Your job is to simply handle (direct) and 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. Have a couple blank ICS 213 forms ready when you are asked to copy down a message for the EMA director. It is imperative that all messages be handled accurately, timely and efficiently. Expect there to be mistakes on your side and others.

Mid-Point

Between 12:30 and 12:45 your first outbound message will need to be sent via a relay operator to Morgan Command. The Morgan team will be moving over to YOUR NET at that time as well. Between you and the Morgan Command you will quickly need to integrate all of the role players. There will be many new voices and tactical call signs to track now. At approximately 12:45 your county facilitator will take control of the NET for a brief announcement. There may also be a timing re-set at this point to keep the exercise on schedule.

The number of messages and complexity of the messages will continue to increase which is intended to test the limits of the team. This spike in traffic will only last about thirty minutes and it is ok when things may seem chaotic. Fentress Command will send their message 2 after 13:15 which will trigger the close out process. Your message 4 is directed to the some (not all) of the original players that checked into your NET.

Conclusion

The exercise will conclude at 13:30 eastern. Once all close out messages have been sent by the role players 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 Command:

Noon-12:15pm Establish your NET and begin to take check-ins along with informal reports

12:15 to 12:30 Monitor assigned frequency/channel and handle traffic

12:30 to 12:45 Ask for relay from Scott (channel 1) to Morgan (channel 2) for Scott Command 1 message (Urgent and Critical)

12:45 to 13:00 Transmit Scott Command 2 message

13:00 to 13:15 Transmit Scott Command 3 message

13:15 to 13:30 Transmit Scott Command 4 after receiving Fentress Command Message 2

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

Scott Net Control:

1. Please note this ICS213 message will need to be relayed to Morgan County. Do not deliver the message yourself. YOU will need to determine who can relay it. Ask for a volunteer.

2. You will shortly be joined by unknown volunteers from Morgan County including your counter part at their command center. You will need to work it out very quickly on how to handle the increase in traffic and cross team communications. Good Luck!!

THIS IS A DRILL
GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

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1. Incident Name (Optional):		
2. To (Name and Position):		
3. From (Name and Position):		
4. Subject:	5. Date:	6. Time
7. Message: THIS IS A DRILL		
8. Approved by: Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____		
9. Reply:		
10. Replied by: Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____		
ICS 213	Date/Time: _____	

WAIT for Morgan Fire Command Message 3 to be sent and then send this as an immediate response. **GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213) THIS IS A DRILL**

1. Incident Name (Optional):		
2. To (Name and Position):		
3. From (Name and Position):		
4. Subject:	5. Date:	6. Time
7. Message: THIS IS A DRILL		
8. Approved by: Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____		
9. Reply:		
10. Replied by: Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____		
ICS 213	Date/Time: _____	

WAIT for Morgan Fire Command Message 3 to be sent and then send this as an immediate response.

Wait for message from Fentress Incident Command 2 before sending.

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GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

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1. Incident Name (Optional):		
2. To (Name and Position):		
3. From (Name and Position):		
4. Subject:	THIS IS A DRILL	5. Date:
		6. Time
7. Message: <i>Wait for message from Fentress Command 2 before sending.</i>		
8. Approved by: Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position/Title: _____		
9. Reply:		
10. Replied by: Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ Signature: _____		
ICS 213	Date/Time: _____	

Wait for message from Fentress Incident Command 2 before sending.