

The 2 Meter Emergency Preparedness Net

Purpose

The main focus of this net will be to facilitate the free exchange of information about keeping you and your family safe & alive during an emergency situation. During the past few years Ham Radio licenses are on the rise. Many of these new hams are of the rising “prepper” and “survivalist” movements. While the general opinion of survivalists may be that of a half crazy paranoid redneck intent on camping his way out of a major emergency or the end of the world, in reality, Survivalists are normal folks who are preparing themselves and their families for emergency situations, be it an earthquake, fire, financial collapse, or act of war.

It only makes sense to offer these new hams an activity that involves their interest in prepping and bolsters and integrates their new hobby of ham radio. It will also serve to build the ham and prepper communities in the area.

How it works

The Prepper Net will operate as a directed 2 Meter type net with the primary repeater frequency being 145.430 -offset PL162.2 (W6EK repeater). Appropriate announcements will be made at the beginning of each net. All check in's will be from licensed amateur radio operators. No club or association memberships are required for participation in the net.

During the net itself, the control operators will act as quasi radio talk show hosts, introducing one or two topics of discussion and directing the net around those topics. Preplanned “guest” hosts or experts in a particular area can be utilized. Group participation is key, as everyone can learn something from everyone else in the group. Remember, having a plan A,B & C is a good thing.

OPSEC

Because of who we are and the nature of the topic(s), OPSEC or operational security is a main concern. Knowing others can and are listening in, none of us in the Prepper world wants to advertise “ hey if SHTF there's food here”. Therefore, we will not discuss any individual's specific preparations.

Topics will be generic and informative. Politics and political topics will be avoided. Discussion of firearms and defense will remain informational and positive. We will not debate the second amendment. There will be no recruiting for specific groups or organizations on the net. This net is meant to be a free exchange of information for people who are interested in prepping activities.

Keep in mind, there is likely to be people just “waking up” as well as seasoned preppers who live largely off grid joining the net.

Possible topics

1. Food- Buying, Storage, Hunting, Farming, preparation.
2. Water- Storage, treatment, Obtaining water in survival situations.
3. Basic emergency kits- contents, purchasing items, survival vs adventure bags.
4. Medical issues- medications, illness, basic injury treatments, major trauma
5. Defense- firearms, ammo, knives, alarm & surveillance systems, protecting your home.
6. Alternative power sources- Solar, Generator, Wind, Battery, Human and animal power. Including solar ovens, water bobs, grid tied & off grid systems
7. Communications- Ham radio w/limited or no power, QRP, Ham radio data systems, FRS, CB, the internet? Antenna considerations.
8. New and interesting products product reviews, books, reference material.

The subject possibilities are endless & limited only by our imagination

Net times

Actual net days and times are to be announced soon. I'd like to find a time slot that isn't conflicting with another area net.