Net Control
Presenter's Notes

- Page (slide) 25 “Sample Log”
  - Left-hand side:
    - E = emergency
    - P = Priority
    - Blank = Routine
    - “-” or “+” after Source/Destination:
    - “-” = acknowledged call to station
    - “+” = message transaction complete
  - Far right-hand side (“-”, “+”, or blank):
    - blank = no response needed
    - “-” = response needed (either from NCS if incoming message, or from station if outgoing question/request)
    - “+” = response completed
    - So in the first line, NCO is still waiting for a reply from organizers regarding the 2 cases of bananas for RS1.
    - Line two is blank on right-hand side because before the message from SAG1 was received, the Priority call from Motor2 came in. So NCO said “SAG1 please stand by, Motor2 please go ahead with your Priority message.”
    - Line 3 has “P” in left-hand indicating Priority. It has a plus after Motor2 indicating the message transaction is complete. And it was first marked with a “-” in the far-right while NCO was awaiting for the Comm Boss to tell decide which SAG to dispatch. Once NCO received the reply of which SAG to dispatch, the “-” was changed to a “+” indicating NCO has received their answer.
    - Last line has a “+” after SAG3 indicating NCO has called SAG3, dispatched them, and completed the transaction.
    - If no emergency or priority calls come in, NCO will return to the incomplete transaction on line 2 (indicated by the “-”)
- Page (slide) 27 *“Going Direct”*
  - Before presenting the slides on Going Direct, Handling Untrained Participants, and The Irate/Upset Participant, it is strongly recommended that the presenter read the *NET CONTROL TRAINING MANUAL*, by R. Bruce Winchell, N8UT (an internet search should return numerous places from which this manual can be downloaded)
- Page (slide) 32 “*Miscellaneous*”
  - If working outside, I place a heavy (6 mil) clear-plastic sheet over the table, taped at the two table ends and at the back of the table. The front edge is even with the front (operator) side of the table. Things which need to be available, but not written on, (e.g., scripts, frequencies, maps, etc), may be slid under the plastic.
  - 3” x 5” index cards have many uses. A couple:
    - Write the tactical call of each station at the top of a card (one card per tactical call), then write the call-sign(s) of that person or persons staffing that position. When it comes time to do a heath&welfare check, simply go through the cards. Any station that doesn't respond right-away gets put either at the back of the stack or in a separate pile. A minute

or two later, those cards are gone through again and those stations that didn't respond the first time are tried again.

- Passing notes between NCO and other NCS staff (Comm Boss, etc). Most questions (other than formal message traffic, which will be on it's own form) can fit on a 3x5 card.
- Enforce good practices from the start – an example of why. At the start of a net, you only have 1 station calling in at a time. So you don't bother requesting that the station give it's message priority when they call in (if there is only one station calling in, you're going to take that call no matter what the priority is). By the time the net gets busy (½ dozen stations calling in at once), you've already 'trained' the stations to not give their priority. So now you waste valuable time going back to each station after it has called in and asking for its message priority.
- Two ways to track mobile resource in the field:
  - White-board technique – list the resources in one column, and their last reported position in another column
  - (The technique I prefer) – use a map (perhaps placed under that clear-plastic sheet on the table), take small post-its (1/2” x 2”) with the tactical name of the resource and place them on the map. If, for example, you are tracking SAGs and you get a 'rider down' call, it is very easy to determine which SAG(s) are near that location if you have them placed on a map.
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