

Operating Questions (1)

What is a Net - A regularly scheduling gathering on the air. There are three broad categories.

Social Nets - Clubs, Like minded groups (AV ARC, RV, Maritime, Retired Military, etc)

NCO - Roll Call or Call for Check-ins

No NCO - Informal throw out call-sign

EM-COMM Nets - ARES, RACES, DCS, LAFD ACS, CAL OES, CERT, KPARC, etc

Traffic Nets - NTS (National Traffic System) primarily passes Radiograms.

NCO call for Emergency or Priority Traffic

Repeater Stop and listen
Listen to the **input frequency** if possible
Immediately write down anything heard!
(you may be the only one to hear the emergency call)
Take appropriate action (911, Inform NCO, etc.)

Simplex Stop and listen (Very Important)
Immediately write down anything heard!
(there is a good chance you are the only one to hear the emergency call)
Take appropriate action (911, Inform NCO, etc.)

“Emergency Traffic” or “Mayday Mayday Mayday”
Used when there is immediate threat to life or property
(IE. accidents, fires, aircraft, boats, etc)

“Priority Traffic” or “Pan Pan Pan”
Urgent situations that are **not life threatening** that require assistance
(IE. A no injury car accident out of cell range)

Use without hesitation when needed, but do not misuse!

Before starting a NET or QSO

Repeater - **LISTEN** for a couple minutes. If nothing is heard make your call or announcement.

Simplex - **LISTEN** for a couple minutes. If nothing is heard then ask, “**Is this Frequency in Use?**” If nothing is heard make your call or announcement.