

## **QST'S - FLATHEAD SHAKE OUT**

### **Pre-announcement**

QST QST QST. THIS IS (YOUR CALL SIGN). THIS IS AN INFORMATION MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE EMERGENCY COORDINATOR FOR THE AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE (ARES) IN FLATHEAD COUNTY.

ON OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 10:23 AM LOCAL TIME, THE FLATHEAD COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL BEGIN AN EXERCISE SIMULATING A 7.5 EARTHQUAKE CENTERED UNDER FLATHEAD LAKE. IN SUPPORT OF THIS EXERCISE AN ARES NET WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO TAKE CHECK-INS FROM AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS IN THE FLATHEAD AREA. THE NET WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE BLACKTAIL REPEATER, FREQUENCY 146.76, MINUS OFFSET, WITH A 100HZ TONE.

ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHECK IN AND MONITOR THE NET FOR AS LONG AS THEY ARE ABLE. THE PURPOSE OF THE NET IS FOR TRAINING AND PRACTICE AS WELL AS GETTING A SENSE OF THE NUMBERS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS OF OPERATORS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF A REAL EMERGENCY.

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO THE FVARC.ORG WEBSITE. THIS HAS BEEN AN INFORMATION MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE EMERGENCY COORDINATOR FOR THE AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE IN FLATHEAD COUNTY.

THIS IS (YOUR CALL SIGN) CLEAR.

### **Net QST - Initial**

QST, QST, QST. THIS IS (YOUR CALL SIGN), NET CONTROL FOR THE FLATHEAD ARES AND INFORMATION NET. THIS IS A SPECIAL NET IN SUPPORT OF AN ONGOING EMERGENCY EXERCISE SPONSORED BY THE FLATHEAD COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.

ALL MESSAGES REGARDING EXERCISE PLAY OR SCENARIOS MUST START AND END WITH THE STATEMENT: "THIS IS AN EXERCISE." CHECK-IN'S AND ROUTINE NET BUSINESS DO NOT NEED TO USE THIS STATEMENT.

THIS IS AN EXERCISE. THE SCENARIO FOR THIS EXERCISE IS A 7.5 EARTHQUAKE CENTERED UNDER FLATHEAD LAKE HAS OCCURRED FOLLOWED BY A 6.5 AFTER SHOCK ONE MINUTE LATER. THIS IS AN EXERCISE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NET IS FOR EMERGENCY TRAINING AND PRACTICE AND TO GET A SENSE OF THE NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS WHO MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD A REAL EMERGENCY OCCUR.

TO BEGIN, IN THE EVENT THAT MY STATION BECOMES INOPERABLE, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL FOR A VOLUNTEER ALTERNATE STATION TO TAKE OVER AS NET CONTROL

CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DO I HAVE ANY EMERGENCY OR PRIORITY TRAFFIC TO LIST FOR THE NET?

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC IS WELCOME AT ANY TIME. EMERGENCY TRAFFIC SHOULD SAY "BREAK, BREAK" FOLLOWED BY THEIR CALL SIGN. NON EMERGENCY TRAFFIC SHOULD SAY "CONTACT" FOLLOWED BY THEIR CALL SIGN.

I WILL NOW CALL FOR LIASION STATIONS.

DO I HAVE A MONTANT TRAFFIC NET LIAISON?

MTN LIAISON: \_\_\_\_\_

DO I HAVE A IDAHO/MONTANA NET LIAISON?

IMN LIAISON: \_\_\_\_\_

DO I HAVE A CHURCH NET LIAISON?

CHURCH NET LIAISON: \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL NOW CALL FOR CHECK-INS. WHEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY NET CONTROL, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE LOG:

1. CALL SIGN
2. FIRST NAME
3. CITY, TOWN, UNINCORPORATED AREA
4. CLOSEST LARGE INTERSECTION (INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROADS OR LARGER)

STATIONS UNABLE TO REMAIN ON THE NET FOR THE DURATION OF THE EXERCISE, PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUT WITH NET CONTROL.

STATIONS WISHING TO CHECK IN PLEASE DO SO NOW.

*(IF YOU HAVE A MTN LIAISON, SEE IF HE/SHE CAN MAKE AN INITIAL CONTACT WITH A STATION IN HELENA TO SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF THE EXERCISE)*

*(ON A REGULAR SCHEDULE GIVE THE SHORT VERSION OF THE NET PURPOSE AND ASK FOR CHECK-INS.)*

*(IDENTIFY EVERY 10 MIN)*

## **ENDING QST**

QST, QST, QST. THIS IS (YOUR CALL SIGN) NET CONTROL FOR THE FLATHEAD ARES AND INFORMATION NET. THIS HAS BEEN A SPECIAL NET IN SUPPORT OF AN EMERGENCY EXERCISE SPONSORED BY THE FLATHEAD COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. THE EXERCISE IS NOW TERMINATED.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL STATIONS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THIS EXERCISE. I WILL NOW RETURN THE REPEATER TO ITS NORMAL AMATEUR USE.

THIS IS (YOUR CALL SIGN) CLEAR.