

OPERATING FREQUENCIES AND TIMES

The net is activated every Sunday morning at 0900 local time on a frequency of 3,990.5 kHz. If interference prevents using the assigned frequency, the net control should politely request the interfering station(s) to QSY for the duration of our net. If not successful the Net Control should QSY to 3,991.0 kHz or 3,991.5 kHz to establish a working frequency. Under no circumstances should the Net Control engage in a dialogue with the interfering station(s). An alternate frequency of 7,251.5 kHz may be used if conditions warrant. Use of the alternate frequency will be decided by the acting Net Control.

RECORDS

Each assigned Net Control will keep an accurate record of those stations checking-in to the net.

Please mail the completed roster within 5 days to: PEMA Western Region, 276 Stormer Rd., Indiana, PA 15701-8933

Sources for additional copies and updates of the roster, preamble and schedule may be found at the following web sites in Adobe Portable Document File (.pdf) format. **It is the responsibility of the NCS to have the most recent version of the roster!**

KE3PO web site: <http://www.qsl.net/ke3po> or PA SitRep web site: <http://www.pa-sitrep.com/races.html>

Email Address for questions, comments and updates: pbarker@pa.gov

NET CALL UP PROCEDURE

QST - QST - QST this is *(state your call, name and county)* Net Control for the PEMA Western Region RACES Net. This is a directed net, operating on an assigned frequency of 3990.5 kHz each Sunday morning at 0900 local time for the purpose of testing emergency RACES communications within the 24 Western Region Counties. All enrolled RACES operators are directed to report. Five seconds will now be given to adjust transmitters to this frequency. This is *(your call)...* *(wait 5 seconds)*. Please hold all non-RACES traffic for after the net. Is there any RACES business for the net at this time? *(Pause for RACES business.)* Also, a reminder that *(announce county who has the net next week)* county has the net next week, please acknowledge net control duties when your county is called.

This is *(your call)*. Roll call will be by registered stations in registered counties. Your response will be by call sign and statement of traffic. If you are not called, please wait until the net secures for questions regarding RACES membership or for addition to the net roster.

Begin the roll call... Allegheny County, etc...

This concludes the initial roll call of counties. I will now go through the roster for late check-ins. *(call page by page... ie. "Allegheny through Cambria" and so forth)*

NET CLOSING

Thanks to all who have participated or helped in anyway in the operation of this net. We did appreciate the cooperation of other stations in allowing us to use a clear frequency. This has been the directed Pennsylvania Western Region RACES net operating on the assigned frequency of 3990.5 kHz. This is *(your call)* securing the net at *(local time)*.

RACES MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE NOTE: You need to be registered in your county and your county must be registered with Western Region. Requirements vary from county to county and may include background checks to permit you to enter the EOC. You should contact your county Radio Officer or Emergency Management Agency to obtain further information.

WESTERN REGION RACES NET ROSTER 2012

January 1, 2012	No Net...	July 1, 2012	Beaver
January 8, 2012	Allegheny	July 8, 2012	Butler
January 15, 2012	Armstrong	July 15, 2012	Cambria
January 22, 2012	Beaver	July 22, 2012	Cameron
January 29, 2012	Butler	July 29, 2012	Clarion
February 5, 2012	Cambria	August 5, 2012	Clearfield
February 12, 2012	Cameron	August 12, 2012	Crawford
February 19, 2012	Clarion	August 19, 2012	Elk
February 26, 2012	Clearfield	August 6, 2012	Erie
March 4, 2012	Crawford	September 2, 2012	Fayette
March 11, 2012	Elk	September 9, 2012	Greene
March 18, 2012	Erie	September 16, 2012	Indiana
March 25, 2012	Fayette	September 23, 2012	Jefferson
April 1, 2012	Greene	September 30, 2012	Lawrence
April 8, 2012	Indiana	October 7, 2012	McKean
April 15, 2012	Jefferson	October 14, 2012	Mercer
April 22, 2012	Lawrence	October 21, 2012	Somerset
April 29, 2012	McKean	October 28, 2012	Venango
May 6, 2012	Mercer	November 4, 2012	Warren
May 13, 2012	Somerset	November 11, 2012	Washington
May 20, 2012	Venango	November 18, 2012	Westmoreland
May 27, 2012	Warren	November 25, 2012	Allegheny
June 3, 2012	Washington	December 2, 2012	Armstrong
June 10, 2012	Westmoreland	December 9, 2012	Beaver
June 17, 2012	Allegheny	December 16, 2012	Butler
June 24, 2012	Armstrong	December 23, 2012	Cambria
		December 30, 2012	Cameron

Net Control Stations

Each net control station for Sunday morning PEMA RACES net shall have a pre-assigned backup Net Control Station (NCS), preferably from his/her own county. The backup NCS shall take over if...

The primary NCS does not start the net promptly at 0900 hrs.

The primary NCS encounters a problem during the net.

The primary NCS must leave the net before completion.

The primary NCS cannot hear or be heard by other members of the net

Any other reason that may require his/her assistance.

Furthermore, the county assigned for the following week shall assume the duties of NCS if the assigned county's backup does not take over. Serving as backup NCS shall not relieve that county of their responsibility of a net being conducted on their assigned week.

In the cases of an actual activation, Net Control shall assign a backup NCS, as soon as possible, from those first checking into the net. The backup NCS shall maintain all records of check-ins and traffic passed so that a seamless transition to NCS can be made, if necessary.