



BASIC EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONING PROCEDURES



- A. If you or others need assistance after a man made or natural disaster event, use the three Olympia Amateur Radio Society (OARS) 'NT7H' repeaters on these frequencies:
441.400+ 103.5PL (Primary), **147.360+ 103.5PL**; and **224.460- 103.5PL**
1. If the repeater is not functioning, then use the **OARS REPEATER OUTPUT** frequency on SIMPLEX mode and ask for help. (**441.400, or 147.360 103.5PL etc.**)
 2. On **ANY** net, you may be directed to another frequency to pass your traffic.
 3. Due to your location, you may need to get another station to relay your message.
- B. Next, follow this outline **PRIOR** to transmitting on any radio!
1. First and foremost, you **do not** have to be a member of any organization, club or unit to ask for help over local repeaters or nets. You just need to be a licensed Amateur 'Ham' Radio Operator.
 2. Check your immediate area for any safety hazards **prior** to transmitting.
 3. Insure you are on the correct **frequency, shift and/or tone access**.
 4. **Stay calm**. Know what you need to say *before* transmitting.
 5. Listen to the frequency and **don't interrupt** higher precedence emergency traffic.
 6. **Conserve power**. Use lowest power setting to get the job done.
 7. Keep transmissions short. **Talk clearly** so others can copy it the first time.
 8. Have writing materials on hand to make a copy of messages sent, received, etc.
 9. Print so others can easily read your hand writing!
 10. Be prepared to be the Net Control Station at any time if your services are needed.
- C. In case you cannot hit the OARS repeaters, try the Capital Peak Repeater, K7CPR, on **145.470- 100PL**. This repeater will be used as a wide area District 3 Command Net for ARES/RACES, so expect some delays in your messages or requests for assistance.
- D. If you are concerned about other hams, and families, do not tie up the repeaters with casual contacts 'asking this or that'. Contact the NCS and follow their instructions as to contacting others for welfare information.
- E. Last, ***DO NOT PASS UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION!*** (i.e. rumors, comments, etc.) Ask the other station passing the info where they got it from, etc. The last thing we need on the air is to create more uncertainty in the local amateur radio community.
- F. Do not tie up the frequencies asking about road conditions, etc. Tune into your local ***EMERGENCY ALERT STATION (EAS), KGY 1240 AM***. for local info.
- G. Want to know more about Thurston County ARES emergency operations? Check out our web page at: http://www.wwa-district3-ares.org/thurston_county/