

NCS NOTES

Being a NCS is not about serving a served agency; it is about serving the general public, maybe even your neighbor!

Key up, count “1” to yourself, then talk.

NCS is “NET CONTROL” and all traffic should go through or be directed to him.

In emergencies, a “preamble” is not needed to call a net. Simply name the net and go with it.

DON'T rely on the “regular NCS stations” to always be there. Remember, stuff happens!

Calling a “regular” net will give you practice for an “emergency” net.

Ask for repeats if necessary.

Don't spend too much time with stations you cannot hear. Ask them to correct their problem and call back in to the net.

TAKE NOTES! Take ACCURATE notes! Make sure you have it RIGHT!

Get pertinent info...what, where, who, when.

Keep emergency phone numbers where you expect to be when you call a net.

911 always works for emergencies, no matter what county it is in.

Keep the NWS 800 number for Skywarn handy, but NEVER give it out OVER THE AIR!

Handy NCS forms can be found at <http://www.mcminnarc.com/ncs/>.