

**MORGAN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO
EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMUNICATIONS (ERC)
SIMPLEX NET PROTOCOL**

(As of 11 Oct 2018)

1. Two minutes before net time, announce:

*This is (insert **Call Sign**).*

*The Morgan County ERC net will begin in two minutes. The primary mode of communication tonight will be the **Morgan County Simplex** frequency of **147.100 megahertz** with no offset or PL tone. We are on Simplex tonight because repeater is not functioning. If you are on the repeater, you may hear the Simplex calls, but you will not be heard by others.*

2. At net start time (nominally 2100 Hours Mountain Time), begin the net with the following announcement:

*This is (insert **Call Sign**), my name is (insert **Name**), and I am net control this evening for the Morgan County Emergency Response Communications net.*

I am now calling the Morgan County ERC net.

*This net is normally held at 2100 hours (9PM) Mountain Time every Sunday on the Morgan County repeater frequency of **147.100 megahertz** with a PL tone of **123.0 hertz** and a **+offset**. However, tonight we are using the Simplex frequency of **147.100 megahertz**. This evening's net is being directed from my home in (insert **Location**).*

The purpose of this net is to establish and maintain a roster of active Morgan County amateur radio operators and to allow those operators to test the communication capabilities of their stations.

In the event of an emergency, or when telephone service is interrupted or overloaded, these amateur radio operators may be called upon to provide communications between designated emergency authorities and leaders. These communications may be necessary to allow those authorities/leaders to report on the status of county inhabitants and property in a disaster affected area, and to request or direct relief supplies and assistance as needed.

3. Call for Emergency Traffic:

Emergency traffic will be recognized immediately and is signified by using a triple break. Is there any **Emergency Traffic** for the net? If so, please call now.

(Deal with the Traffic OR announce "Hearing none" and move to Item 4)

4. Call for Other Traffic and Announcements:

Is there ANY traffic, business, or announcements for the net this evening. If so, come now.

5. Roll Call Instructions:

Roll call will be made from an established ERC roster and will be called by respective Morgan, Morgan North and Morgan West units. The names of amateur radio operators, who have not checked in for four consecutive weeks, will not be called during the normal roster roll call. However, their names will be retained on the roster and they may check in during the courtesy calls for late, missed, or new amateur operators.

This is a directed net. Please check in when your unit and call sign is called. When you check in, please state your **call sign, name, location, and indicate if mobile**. Because we are using Simplex, all locations may not be able to hear net control and net control may not be able to hear all check ins. If you hear an operator who is not acknowledged by net control, please relay that station to net control.

6. Conduct Roll Call:

*This is (insert **Call Sign**) net control for the Morgan County ERC net. Roll call will now proceed.*

(Conduct roll call using the latest Morgan County ERC roster. Call each operator by Call Sign and Name. Acknowledge each check in. At the end of the roster call, announce:)

*This completes the Morgan County ERC net roll call. Are there any **late, missed, or new operators** who would like to check in from Morgan County? If so, come now. Are there any additional relays for the net? **(At this point Net Control may want to request another operator from elsewhere in the are to also call for any late missed or new operators to check in).***

Are there any operators anywhere within the range of this repeater who would like to check in? If so, come now?

Is there any further traffic, business, or announcements for the net? If so, come now?

7. Closing of the net and sign off:

*I will now proceed with closing the net. I thank all operators who have participated in this net and thank all amateur radio operators who have cooperated in allowing the use of this frequency for this net function. The Morgan County ERC net is now closed at (insert **Time**) and this frequency is now returned to normal Amateur Service. Goodnight and thanks to all. This is (insert **Call Sign and Name**), net control for the Morgan County ERC net signing off.*