

Community Safety Net Script Example

Date: 03/01/20 Time: 7:00 PM Channel: 22RP Net Host: name and call #

Your "Safety Net Host," or "Net Control, should have a list of regular Members, and be ready with pencil and paper to mark check ins and take notes. The Host should go on the air at the designated time. The Host may sound like a dispatcher talking. Similar to a using a party line phone, only one person should speak at a time, and wait to be called upon by the Host. Please wait for the pauses and prompts as noted below. Listen for the "Courtesy Tone" (a brief beep you'll hear from the repeater shortly after someone stops transmitting) before speaking:

"Good Evening everyone and welcome to the name of Fire Safe Council or Neighborhood Radio Watch weekly Safety Net, this is Name and Call Sign, your Safety Net Host for this evening. This Safety Net meets every name of day at 7:00 PM." You don't need to be a member of name of Fire Safe Council or Neighborhood Radio Watch to participate in our Safety Net but we do ask that you allow our Neighborhood Radio Watch Members to check in first. This is a directed Net, all stations please stand by."

Your Net control will then ask, "First, are there any stations with Emergency or Priority Messages?" (Applies to both Members and Visitors) "The Roll Call will now follow..."

The Net Host will announce your first name, GMRS call #, and general location (usually in alphabetical order by first name and GMRS Call #).

When you are called, please speak slowly and clearly with your first name, call # and location, and one of the following responses:

- "Standing By"
- "In and Out" if you are just checking in and not staying on the air, end with your call # and "Clear"

After the roll call is completed, The Net Host proceeds:

- "Are there any late or missed Members, or Members not on the Roll Call, wishing to check in, please come now with your name, call #, and general location."
- "Are there any Visitors wishing to check in, please come now with your name, call #, and general location."
- "Are there any announcements from the Fire Safe Council and/or Neighborhood Watch Representative(s)?"

At this point, the Net Host may open the Safety Net for discussion. He or she may ask each check in on the list in turn, "So, name, "what's new with you? (etc.)" or a general, "Are there any other topics of interest anyone would like to share with our community tonight?"

If you need to make a comment or answer a question, it's OK to wait for a pause, press your transmit button, and just say, "Comment." Then wait for the Net Host to acknowledge you before continuing.

Closing The Safety Net...

- "Are there any late Members or Visitors wishing to check in?" *(keep asking until radio silence)*
- "Are there any other questions or comments before I close tonight's Safety Net?" *(keep asking until radio silence)*
- "Thank you for your participation in the day of week name of Fire Safe Council or Neighborhood Radio Watch Safety Net."
- "Tonight's Safety Net is now closed at [__:__] local time"
- "This is your Safety Net Control, name and call #, Everyone have a great evening and stay safe!"

At this point, listeners may initiate contacts with each other over the repeater for additional conversation after the Net closes, and move their conversation to simplex on another frequency if possible. It may be that a group will need to continue to use the repeater in order to hear each other. That's OK, too.

The above guidelines are just examples. Please adapt this example script to your own Group's needs and preferences. You should have more than one Host, and be able to switch Hosts on a regular basis so that everyone gets a chance to help out. Nets should follow the same, consistent pattern, but are more or less informal. Above all, make it fun, and make it work for your group.

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