

POLK COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS GMRS WEEKLY NET PREAMBLE

(Pre net announcement at 5 minutes prior to net)

Black text for net Red for information to the net control operator.

The Polk County GMRS net will begin in approximately five minutes. Anyone who needs to use this repeater please do so now.

Good evening, My Name is _____ and my GMRS call sign is _____.

This net is conducted every Tuesday evening at 7 PM on the Polk County Emergency Management GMRS repeater located in Bartow Florida. This repeater operates on 462.725Mhz with CTCSS tone of 141.3Hz on Transmit and Receive. All Licensed GMRS operators are welcome to participate.

This will be a controlled net, meaning, during this net activity all transmissions will be directed to the NET operator. The operator will acknowledge you and then you can proceed with your information.

The purpose of this NET is 1) to assure your radio equipment is properly operating in case of an emergency and 2) to practice transmitting information to the Emergency Operation Center in Bartow during an emergency like damage to your neighborhood or other vital information to illicit a response by the appropriate agency; this could be Fire/Rescue or Law Enforcement as examples. An established active net may also take weather updates from "SKYWARN TRAINED" spotters. More information regarding SKYWARN can be found at the National Weather Service or Polk ARES.org.

Also, please if you have questions about this or other radio information let the net control operator know. We will come back to you question at the end of the net.

The EOC GMRS radio will be monitored if the EOC is activated by dual licensed individuals (Amateur/GMRS) to facilitate proper dissemination in the EOC.

When checking in to the NET please follow the following procedure. Key your mic and say ... NET CONTROL.... Un-key, re key and give your call sign **slowly**, we recommend using the internationally approved phonetic alphabet. Give your first

name and nearest city location. If you are SKYWRAN Trained, you may give your number if one was assigned. Also, give your CERT group or Battalion number if you have one. Indicate if you have traffic or information. The NET Operator will acknowledge your check-in and proceed to the next check-in. We strongly suggest you stay for the entire net in case of announcements or traffic that may be of importance to you.

I will now take check-ins one at a time.

(TAKE CHECK INS AND LOG EACH CALL SIGN)

(at the end of the net)

Polk County has an extensive emergency communications network. This includes, but not limited to, Amateur Radio, also known as HAM, with multiple repeaters throughout the county on several different modes, as well as this GMRS repeater. Other communities may have GMRS/FRS capabilities, please check with your CERT team. We also have CERT or Community Emergency Response Teams in the county that are trained and organized by the Division of Public Safety through Polk County Fire Rescue. Additionally, the Lake Wales Repeater Association (LWRA) and Lakeland Amateur Radio Club (LARC) invite GMRS license holders to be a part of their organizations, a Ham or amateur license is NOT required to participate in these groups.

Thank you to the _____ who checked in. We will return next week at 7PM on Tuesday. Polk County Emergency Management has provided and maintains this wide area repeater for emergency communications and general GMRS use.

This is _____ and call sign _____ clear.