

NEMCo RACES

October 23, 2024



“5th Saturday” Exercise – November 23

- Actual 5th Saturday falls on Thanksgiving Weekend, so moved up one week
- State EMD is operating Catastrophic Communications Exercise 2024 (CCE24) Friday-Saturday, as with CCE23 last year
- CCE24 basically a rerun of CCE23 with fixes from lessons learned

NEMCo Exercise 11/23

- Activate FS 51
- Activate at least one other EOC, depending on participation
- HF operation to contact state, receive bulletins
- Pass traffic between EOCs
 - Winlink (each member 1+)
 - Formal voice traffic (each member 1+)
- CERT participation? T/B/D

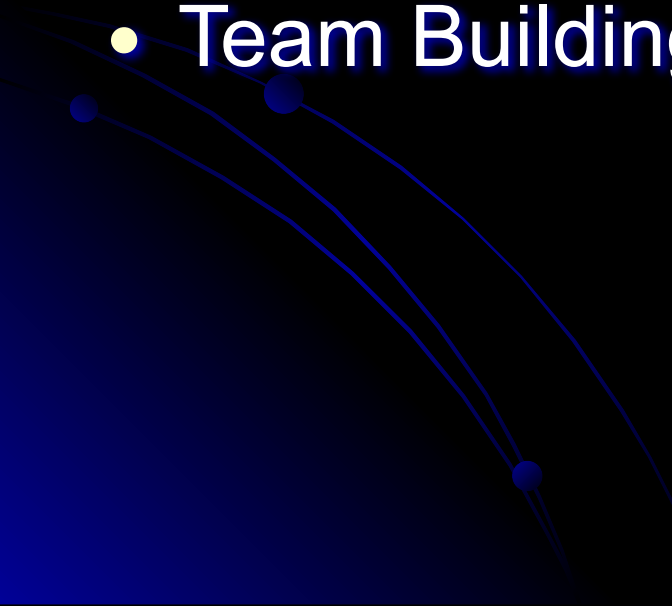
Regular Activities Require Member Participation

- Net - Weekly
 - Check-in
 - Net Control
- Meetings – Monthly
 - RACES: 4th Wednesday
 - Quarterly All-Volunteers: 2nd Tuesday
- Radio Checks – Monthly
 - 3rd Friday afternoon
- 5th Saturday Exercises
 - Two of four possible each year, typically Spring & Fall

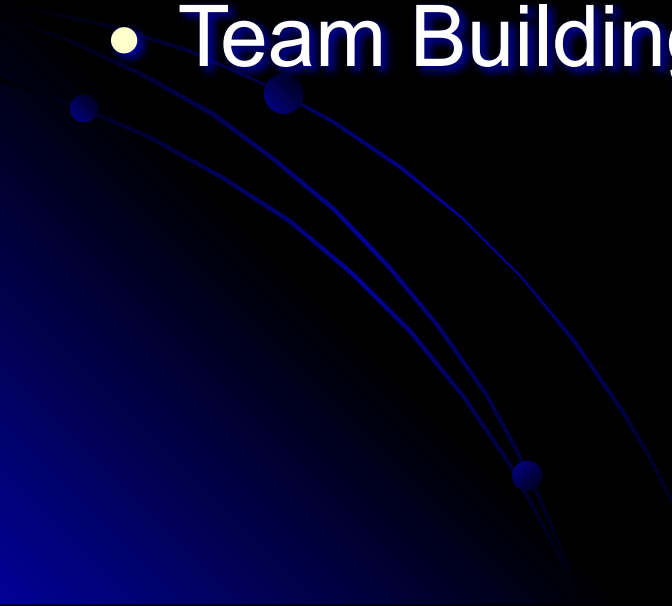
Why the Net is Important

- You have a working radio/station
- You are familiar with net procedures—when to talk
- You know what frequencies to use and how well you can be heard from home
- You can reach/be reached in the event of an activation
- You can operate/take over net control confidently and comfortably to maintain orderly communications
- (It seems mundane, until it isn't working right)
- Can you communicate with NEMCo and member stations in a disaster?

Monthly Meetings

- Organizational Information
 - Scheduling
 - Planning
 - Training
 - Team Building & Familiarity
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Exercises

- Training
 - Skills Practice
 - Thorough Equipment Testing
 - Scenario Practice
 - Team Building & Familiarity
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Participation Standards

- Net Check-in: At least 12 times/year (average once per month)
- Net Control: At least 2 times/year (average once every two quarters)
- Radio Checks: No standard due to difficult timing
- Monthly Meetings: Attend at least 6 times/year (avg. every other month)
- Participate in 5th Saturday Exercise: At least 1 time/year (one of two)