

Net Control Script for a Simplex GMRS Check-In Net

This script is for the person who facilitates a simplex (direct radio-to-radio) check-in net. Feel free to edit it for your circumstances – for example, if you are using this for your neighborhood or community.

Once you have finalized the script, try to read it word-for-word to make sure nothing is missed. There is a glossary of terms on the next page, and the last page is a worksheet to track everyone who checked in. This script is based on GENOAK's Net Control script.

Here's what we recommend having on hand when you are Net Control operator:

- *A comfortable, quiet location where you won't be interrupted*
- *A GMRS radio that can reliably reach the everyone else in the net from your location*
- *Fully charged battery and extra battery, or a backup power source*
- *Printed copy of this script*
- *A few pencils or pens*
- *Blank paper for writing down call signs and information, noting traffic requests, etc.*
- *Glass of water*

Note: It also helps to have a Zoom (or similar) meeting happening at the same time as the net, so that you can troubleshoot any issues participants are having in real time. Make sure to send the Zoom link out ahead of time!

<FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE START TIME>

Good evening! The check-in net will start in five minutes.

<START NET>

Good evening everyone. This is [NAME, CALLSIGN], the Net Control operator for tonight's check-in net. This net meets on the [DAY] at [TIME].

<PAUSE>

The purpose of this check-in net is to practice radio communications and ensure our equipment is in working order. In an actual emergency, we will use our radios to help each other and our neighbors.

This is a directed net, which means participants should communicate only through me, the Net Control operator.

<PAUSE>

This net will interrupt at any time for emergency or priority traffic. If you have such traffic, please say the word 'emergency' or 'priority' followed by your name and call sign and wait to be acknowledged.

Is there anyone with priority or emergency traffic?

<PAUSE FOR REPLIES>

<IF ANY REPLIES> I heard [NAME, CALLSIGN]. Please check in with your first name, call sign, city, and your traffic.

<PAUSE>

We will now take five people at a time and then circle back for your information. Please check in with your first name only, your callsign if you have one, and then wait to be acknowledged by Net Control.

<ABOUT FIVE PEOPLE SAY THEIR FIRST NAMES/CALLSIGNS. WRITE THEM DOWN>

The first five names I heard are [FIRST FIVE NAMES/CALLSIGNS]. [FIRST NAME], please check in with your full name, call sign if any, street name, and any traffic you have for the net.

<FIRST PERSON SAYS THEIR FULL NAME, CALL SIGN, STREET, AND ANY TRAFFIC>

[SECOND NAME/CALLSIGN], please check in.

<CONTINUE UNTIL ALL FIVE PEOPLE CHECK IN>

Ok, Net Control is ready for the next five names and callsigns, if any.

<NEXT FIVE PEOPLE SAY THEIR FIRST NAMES/CALLSIGNS. WRITE THEM DOWN>

The next five names I heard are [NEXT FIVE NAMES/CALLSIGNS]. [FIRST NAME], please check in with your full name, call sign if any, street name, and any traffic you have for the net.

<REPEAT UNTIL NO MORE HEARD>

This is a final call for any late, missed or guest check-ins for the net.

<PAUSE>

Anyone with traffic of interest to the net, please state your name and callsign, if any. You will have a chance to share your traffic after I call on you.

<PAUSE FOR REPLIES>

The names I heard are [NAMES AND CALLSIGNS]. [FIRST NAME/CALLSIGN], please share your traffic.

<REPEAT WITH REMAINING NAMES/CALLSIGNS>

Anyone with questions or requests, please state your name and callsign, if any, and you will have a chance to state your question or request after I call on you.

<PAUSE FOR REPLIES>

The names and callisigns I heard are [NAMES/CALLSIGNS]. [FIRST NAME/CALLSIGN], please state your question or request.

<REPEAT WITH REMAINING PEOPLE>

This is [NAME, CALLSIGN]. This is a final call for any missed or remaining check-ins or other traffic for the net.

<PAUSE FOR REPLIES>

<HANDLE REPLIES>

Hearing no more check-ins, this concludes tonight's check-in net. Thank you for participating! Join us again for our next net on [DATE], at [TIME]. This is [NAME]. The check-in net is now closed. I hope you have a great evening. [NAME], [CALLSIGN], clear.

<NET IS OVER>

Net Control Glossary

Clear: What you say when you're done talking on the radio, to let any listeners know the channel is "clear" and you're done using it.

Directed net: A highly structured, formal radio net where a single person, Net Control, manages all communications to maintain order. All participants must request permission from Net Control to transmit. Person to person communication is otherwise forbidden.

Net: An on-air radio meeting.

Net Control operator: The person who runs a net. They usually refer to themselves from the third person, e.g. "Please wait until Net Control calls on you to start talking."

Net Control Sheet for the Simplex GMRS Check-In Net

This worksheet is to help you keep track of people participating in the net.

Date: _____

Name and Call Sign (if any)	Street Name	Business
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