City of San Francisco
Department of Emergency Management
Auxiliary Communications Service

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Siren Net - Instructions & Script

Tuesdays at 1155 hours Local Time
W6TP Linked Repeaters
146.790- tone 114.8 / 443.100+ tone 114.8

All licensed Hams are invited to participate in the ACS's weekly Siren Net. All ACS personnel should do so regularly. It takes only a few moments; and being at noon, should be easy to arrange. Please get in the habit of keeping your radio with you at all times, particularly taking it to work. Emergencies happen all hours of the day and night.

The "script" provided is designed to make it easy for any operator to try their hand at being Net Control. All of us should do this at some time. You'll find that it may seem awkward at first, but that practice makes it easy. The script is specifically written for reading aloud by the Net Control Operator, verbatim. Read, understand and learn the monologue provided. Preparation is your key to feeling comfortable "on-the-air". Sentences are grouped in

paragraphs meant to provide for proper breathing. Instructions, not intended for reading aloud are provided in *ITALICS*. Everywhere it says *pause* or *wait/mike off* you should do that. That means **pause** **and** make sure you **let go** of the push-to-talk button. This is your opportunity to listen for regular calls to you, or priority traffic.

Listen to others do the Net until you are comfortable with its form, and get comfortable with the script. When you're ready… let the Siren Net Manager know, and you'll be ready to be Net Control. Then, at around 1155 hours any Tuesday…get prepared with your script, paper and pencil. Take a few deep breaths and give it a try. If you would like to receive this electronically, please email: operations@sfacs.net

SF ACS SIREN NET SCRIPT

Start Net at 1155hours. Read script pre-amble as far as section "MAIN NET STARTS HERE" prior to the sounding of the sirens. Pause at that point and wait for sirens to sound (or not).

Is this frequency in use? ___*callsign*___

Wait/mike off

Attention all Stations. Attention all Stations. Attention all Stations. This is siren net for _____*date*_____and this is *callsign*_____, your Net Control.

This is a Directed Net, and ALL traffic should be directed to Net Control.

At this time, is there any emergency or priority traffic for the Net? *wait/mike off*

At any time, should you have emergency traffic, say "Emergency" and give your call sign.

Should you have priority traffic, say "Priority" and give your call sign;

To give or request information, say "Information" and give your call sign. To call another station, say "Contact" and give your call sign.

While on the Net, ALL stations should wait for Net Control to acknowledge their call sign before passing any traffic.

We would like to thank the George S. Ladd Telephone Pioneers, for the use of the W6TP repeater for this net.
Pause/mike off

This Net is for The City of San Francisco, and is operated by the Auxiliary Communication Service of the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management.
The Siren Net meets every Tuesday at 1155 hours, shortly before the testing of the Outdoor Warning System.
(revision note 06Dec10:A)

If possible, please be outside when the sirens and voice test are activated at 1200 hours.
Pause/mike off.

When called upon, please report as follows:

your call sign and name phonetically.
<u>your</u> address or nearest cross streets.
Whether you were indoors or outdoors.

If you heard a siren, give the siren number if you know it. If you do not know the siren number, give the compass direction of the loudest siren from your location.

The City has asked us to report the numbers of the sirens that were heard (for example, “I heard siren numbers 10 and 36”) and not the number of sirens (for example, “I heard two sirens”). Please also report whether the voice announcement was clearly understood. (revision 06Dec10:B)

You can find a map of the siren locations on the ACS web site – www.sfacs.net . Click on Radio Nets, click on OPWS Siren Net information then click on OPWS map. If you are outside San Francisco, please report "Check in only".

Please standby, the net will resume once the sirens have sounded. This is ____*callsign*_____, net control.
Wait/mike off. Wait at this point for the sounding of the sirens.

"MAIN NET STARTS HERE"

After the sirens have sounded, or if you hear none at 1201 hours, recommence the net with:

This is ____*callsign*_____, net control.

Now that the sirens have sounded the net will resume.

Again, please wait to be acknowledged by Net Control before passing traffic. Go ahead call sign suffixes ALPHA through INDIA *wait/mike off*

This is ____*callsign*_____, net control.

Go ahead call sign suffixes JULIET through ROMEO *wait/mike off*

This is ____*callsign*_____, net control.

Go ahead call sign suffixes SIERRA through ZULU *wait/mike off*

Any other callsigns…any suffix? *wait/mike off*

Are there any announcements, or other business for the Net? *wait/mike off*

Are there any late check-ins or further traffic for the Net ?
wait/mike off

Again, to find siren numbers, go to the ACS web site at www.sfacs.net. Click the Radio Nets link, then click on the OPWS Siren Net Information link. On the resulting page you will find the current siren number information. The sirens are listed on this map. Please be aware that the City is continuing to add new sirens. There may be active sirens that have not yet been posted on this page. The City will update this information as it is made available.

wait/mike off

At this time I would like to thank all stations for checking in.
To find out more about the Auxiliary Communication Service you can phone the ACS Access Line at 415-558-2717. Please leave a message and someone will call you back. *Pause/ mike off.*

Or…you can find us on the Internet at www.sfacs.net.
The ACS has its general meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1900 hours… that's 7 pm. The location is the Emergency Operations Center at 1011 Turk Street at Laguna. Parking is available. All are welcome to attend.
The talk-in repeater will be the Twin Peaks/ACS machine at 442.050 Mega-Hertz, positive offset, with a tone of 127.3. *Pause/ mike off.*

The ACS Net is held on the Twin Peaks/ACS repeater every Thursday night at 1930 hours local time.
In the event of an emergency such as an earthquake, monitor the Twin Peaks/ACS repeater and wait for instructions. *Pause/ mike off.*

We now turn this repeater back to normal service, and again thank the George S Ladd Telephone Pioneers for the use of the W6TP repeater.
This is ____*callsign*_____, Net Control clear.

End of net

Post Net Instructions:

The log must be submitted on the Log Template, available on the ACS website or through the Operations Section Leader.

After you have completed the net, put the date at the top of the log. Put the words "net control", your callsign, and your name at the end of the log. This will assure you earn credit for acting as net control. If you have a logging station please work with them to arrive at one complete and final log. You, as net control, should then email a copy of the siren net log to:

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Please do this in a timely manner, preferably within 48 to 72 hours after the Net closes. Thank you for helping the City keep track of siren performance!

Thank you for taking an active part in SFACS.

You can breathe now.

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Eliminate the quote marks from ...noon." at the end of p. 4, and from ...or not." p. 5, line 10.
Change spelling of "nuymber" to "number" on p. 5, line 13, and "Radion" to "Radio" in line 16.
Also on p. 6, lines 11 and 12 say that information will be given at the end of the net. This is immediately followed by the information--confusing to the listener. REWRITTEN
Also on p. 6, line 13 says that "The City has asked us to report the number of sirens that were heard." We need to communicate that we want siren numbers, not the number of distinct sirens. REWRITTEN
Time changed to 24 hour format. Added list of email addresses on last page.

Updated: KI6ARA 06 December 2010 & 30Dec10 (removed following text per Connie)
*A: "*The purpose of this net is to gather information for the City about the performance and sound patterns of the Outdoor Warning System. Also this net allows us to practice our emergency communication skills, and to encourage people to have a radio handy at all times.*"*

B: "Information describing how to find siren numbers will be given here and again at the end of the net."
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