

FRS Radios in an Emergency

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Tonight 9/15/2020 we talked about the call-in protocol during an emergency. This is something we have talked about a little, but we realized after this week's event that we need a more concrete plan. This is what we propose:

1. In the case of another event, I will monitor both our FRS channel and the Stake Ham frequency. I have three batteries, each of which can monitor (listen to the channel) for 50 hours.
2. We are setting up to have daily check-in times during an event. They are: 10 a.m. 2p.m., and 6 p.m. I will be on during those times as often as possible, and others in this group should get on when they can. We can share information in our group that way. The first one on should go ahead and lead the net, since we won't always know who will be getting on.
3. If there is an immediate need, anyone in this text group can send out a text to start a Call-in, and we can go to the FRS radios. I'll try to monitor the channel for a while since people will receive/read their texts at various times. Others who would like to monitor should also do so.
4. The Stake leadership has suggested that each ward adopt this policy for good emergency communication. We feel this will also help everyone feel a greater connection during what will undoubtedly be a very stressful time.
5. This procedure was approved by the Stake President on 9/22/2020 in a closed-door meeting.

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