Amethyst ARES
District Callout Procedure

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set-out a regional callout procedure to be initiated during a local "grid down" situation. In this situation, the local community will not know whether other Amethyst District communities have conventional communications or not. This procedure resolves that problem by using both conventional and amateur radio routes until a net is established.

Notification

During a local grid down station, each Emergency Coordinator should:

1. Check for Winlink messages by connecting to an Internet-connected RMS station.
   a. Note that VA3EMN and VA3EOA, while close, may not have Internet.
2. If there is a Winlink message from at least on other EC, proceed to the "General Call" section, establishing a net.
3. If there is no Winlink message regarding a grid down situation in the region, send a Winlink email, via an Internet-connected RMS station to the "EC-emergency" group. (This group contains both Winlink and Internet email addresses for all Amethyst ECs.)
   a. The message should contain the nature of the emergency, and a request to establish a regional HF net.

General Call

Perform an "all stations" call in the following order until a net is established. Remember to listen for other stations who may be doing the same thing.

1. ALPHA LSB voice. If no contact, then
2. ALPHA USB VARA Chat. If no contact, then
3. BRAVO LSB voice. If no contact, then
4. BRAVO USB VARA Chat. If no contact, then return to "Notification".

On contact and when required, a Net Control Station (NCS) will declare a directed net and all stations will act accordingly.

All stations should be familiar with ACP125 proper voice procedure. There should be no ham jargon. (ACP125 is on the www.nwo-ares.ca website.)

This procedure should be posted at all EOC stations.

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