

## Adams County Indiana CERT

Tips and things to remember when using radios during CERT exercises.

1. No CODES or CODEWORDS allowed. Use plain language at all times
2. Use your name as your callsign on FRS radios, and FCC callsign on Ham frequencies.
3. Use Tactical call-signs when needed. Example: Net Control, Med Ops, Incident Command, etc.
4. When you are with a buddy you are now a TEAM. Identify yourself as such. Example, Net Control, Net Control this is Team Derek. This tells net control right away that you are not alone.
5. If you have a specific task assigned also include that in your ID. Example, "Net Control, Net Control this is Team Derek Search and Rescue." Or "Med Ops, Med Ops, this is Team Derek Search and Rescue."
6. When a directed net is in progress all of your radio traffic must be directed through net control.
7. Take non-essential communications to one of the alternate CERT frequencies.
8. Do **not** communicate sensitive or classified messages via radio EVER!
9. Listen before you transmit, make sure the frequency is not already in use.
10. Think about what you are going to say before you say it. Make your transmission quickly but accurately. Verify the other station heard you with an acknowledgement from them.

- a. Use the word OVER when you are done speaking if necessary. That tells the other station you are finished and awaiting their reply.
- b. Use Phonetic Alphabet when clarification is needed:

A Alpha	J Joliet	S Sierra
B Bravo	K Kilo	T Tango
C Charlie	L Lima	U Uniform
D Delta	M Mike	V Victor
E Echo	N November	W Whiskey
F Foxtrot	O Oscar	X X-ray
G Golf	P Papa	Y Yankee
H Hotel	Q Quebec	Z Zulu
I India	R Romeo	

- c. Use the word CLEAR when you are finished speaking and do not expect a response from the other stations(s).
- d. When calling another station, say who you are calling twice, then your callsign second. Example I would say "Net Control, Net Control, Derek" You can also insert the words "this is" Example "Net Control, Net Control, this is Derek"
- e. Always finish your exchange with your callsign. Similar to Ham Radio. Example. "Thank you Net Control for the information, this is Derek, I will be clear."