

**MASON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SERVICES
RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
OPERATING PROCEDURES**

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- A. If you or others need assistance from any location in Mason County after a man-made or natural disaster event, or emergency situation, use the following repeaters:
Shelton area VHF: 146.720- (103.5) Shelton area UHF: 443.250+ (100)
Belfair Area VHF: 145.170- (103.5) and the 220 Repeater: 224.260- (103.5)
- B. If a repeater is not functioning, then use the **REPEATER OUTPUT** frequency on **SIMPLEX** mode and ask for help. (**Don't forget to use the PL tones etc.**)
- C. If no contact, use the EmComm Channel/Frequency List on back of this page.
- D. On **ANY** net, you may be directed to another frequency to pass your traffic.
- E. Due to your location, you may need to get another station to relay your message.
- F. Next, follow this outline **PRIOR** to transmitting on any radio!
1. First and foremost, you **do not** have to be a member of any organization, club or unit to ask for help over local repeaters or nets.
 2. Check your immediate area for any safety hazards **prior** to transmitting.
 3. Insure you are on the correct **frequency, shift and/or tone access**.
 4. **Stay calm**. Know what you need to say **before** transmitting.
 5. Listen to the frequency and **don't interrupt** higher precedence emergency traffic.
 6. **Conserve power**. Use lowest power setting to get the job done.
 7. Keep transmissions short. **Talk clearly** so others can copy it the first time.
 8. USE PLAIN language , and do not use any "Q", "DX" or "10" codes.
 9. Have writing materials on hand to make a copy of messages sent, received, etc.
 10. Print so others can easily read your hand writing!
 11. Be prepared to be the Net Control Station at any time if your services are needed.
- G. In case you cannot hit any local repeaters, try the Capital Peak Repeater, K7CPR, on **145.470- 100PL**. This repeater will be used as a wide area District 3 Command Net or ARES/ACS, etc. Expect some delays in your messages or requests for assistance.
- H. If you are concerned about other hams, and families, do not tie up the repeaters with casual contacts 'asking this or that'. Contact the Net Control Station and follow their instructions for contacting others or agencies for welfare information and assistance.
- I. Last, **DO NOT PASS UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION!** (i.e. rumors, comments, etc.) If the reporting station passing the information did not actually see the event or problem, then it is "Unconfirmed" data to pass onto local authorities. The last thing we need on the air is to create more uncertainty in the local amateur radio community.
- J. Do not tie up the frequencies asking about road conditions, etc. Tune into your local **EMERGENCY ALERT STATION KMAS 1030AM, 103.3FM** for local information.