ACTIVATED NET PROLOGUE

Note:

Whenever a net is raised in response to an emergency, it is important to realize that many operators and listeners will be "tuned in" to hear what is happening. There will be offers of help from other operators and there will be attempts to make contact with people in the affected area. This will all take place during the first hours of the emergency and it will be very distracting to the net control station. It is not possible to block off repeaters to the outside world, so it will be necessary to recognize the needs of others and handle them in a reasonable manner. The prologue should include instructions for those operators that want information or want to contact others as to how it can be accomplished. Net control should, at all times maintain control of the net and make note of these requests. It is **very** important that any promises or assurances given are fulfilled at the earliest possible moment.

Check ins that are not from the Oswego County Emergency Communicators/RACES should be queried as to an affiliation to an emergency services organization, such as another RACES, ARES, Red Cross, etc.

The Oswego County Emergency Communicators/RACES has been activated by the authority of

_____, (title)_____ at _____ hours due to

_____

_____(reason for

activation).

All non-emergency traffic is asked to keep transmissions short if emergency activity is quiet,

otherwise please log your request with net control. Please leave time in between transmissions for

emergency traffic.

All Operators are asked to check in at this time.

Take checkins and do assignments as directed by the Radio Officer or designee.

At the end of the activation announce

Oswego County Emergency Communicators/RACES is released from the
_____ incident at _____hours. Date _____

Thank you for your help. This is _____ OUT