

The Northwest Oregon Traffic and Training Net meets every night at 6:05 pm on 145.27, 145.43, 145.47, 146.80, and 443.150 MHz repeaters, all having a PL tone of 107.2.

PRECEDENCES

EMERGENCY Any message having life and death urgency to any person or group of persons, which is transmitted by Amateur Radio in the absence of regular commercial facilities. This includes official messages of welfare agencies during emergencies requesting supplies, materials or instructions vital to relief of stricken populace in emergency areas. During normal times, it will be *very rare*. When in doubt, *do not use it*. It is always spelled out on the NTS form and the full word is spoken.

PRIORITY (P) Important messages having a specific time limit. Official messages not covered in the Emergency category. Press dispatches and other emergency-related traffic not of the utmost urgency. Notification of death or injury in a disaster area, personal or official.

WELFARE (W) A message that is either a) an inquiry as to the health and welfare of an individual in the disaster area, b) an advisory or reply from the disaster area that indicates all is well should carry this precedence. These messages are handled *after* Emergency and Priority traffic but before Routine.

ROUTINE (R) Most traffic normal times will bear this designation. In disaster situations, traffic labeled Routine should be handled *last*, or not at all when circuits are busy with Emergency, Priority or Welfare traffic.

HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

Handling instructions (HX) are less used but quite useful in handling messages. They serve to convey any special instructions to handling and delivering operators. This "prosign," when used, is inserted in the message preamble between the precedence and the station of origin. Its use is optional with the originating stations, but once inserted is mandatory with all relaying stations. The following definitions apply:

- **HXA**--(Followed by number) Collect landline delivery authorized by addressee within...miles. (If no number, authorization is unlimited.)
- **HXB**--(Followed by number) Cancel message if not delivered within...hours of filing time; service originating station.
- **HXC**--Report date and time of delivery (TOD) to originating station.
- **HXD**--Report to originating station the identity of station from which received, plus date and time. Report identity of station to which relayed, plus date and time, or if delivered report date, time and method of delivery.
- **HXE**--Delivering station get reply from addressee, originate message back.
- **HXF**--(Followed by number.) Hold delivery until...(date).
- **HXG**--Delivery by mail or landline toll call not required. If toll or other expense involved, cancel message and service originating station.

Example: NR 207 R HXA50 W4MLE 12...(etc.).

If more than one HX prosign is used, they can be combined if no numbers are to be inserted, otherwise the HX should be repeated thus: NR 207 R HXAC W4MLE...(etc.). On phone, use phonetics for the letter or letters following the HX, to ensure accuracy.