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CONDUCT SCHEDULED RADIO CHECKS

CONDITIONS

You are the radio operator for your team in the field. Your team has been told to contact mission base at scheduled times with current situational information.

OBJECTIVE

Conduct scheduled radio checks on time and with proper information.

TRAINING AND EVALUATION

Training Information Outline

1. When on a sortie, the ground search and rescue team is required to maintain communications with mission base in some manner. This allows for receiving new instructions, reporting mission information, and as a safety measure for keeping track of people in the field.

2. Make scheduled radio checks:

- a. At the times briefed by the ground operations director.
- b. When completing certain sortie actions identified in advance by the ground branch director.
- c. Departure and returning to mission base.
- d. Entering and leaving search areas.
- e. Any extended stop, such as a meal break.

3. Before making the radio check:

- a. Stop and determine the team's location and status. Get this done BEFORE the time the check is due.
- b. Contact mission base or radio relay to transmit his check-in.

4. When making a scheduled radio check, transmit:

- a. The time of the radio check
- b. The team's location
- c. The teams status or actions in progress.
- d. Request confirmation and read-back of message from base.

e. For example "FREESTATE TWO FIVE THIS IS FREESTATE TWO ONE SEVEN. SCHEDULED RADIO CHECK FOR FOURTEEN HUNDRED HOURS. TEAM IS LOCATED AT: GRID

RIGHT ONE POINT THREE, UP TWO POINT TWO. CONTINUING SEARCH PATTERN, NOTHING ELSE TO REPORT. PLEASE READ BACK THIS MESSAGE.

Additional Information

Additional information is available in the "Radiotelephone Procedures Guide."

Evaluation Preparation

Setup: On a sheet of paper, write the location of the ground team, what they have been doing since the last radio check, and what they are currently doing. Don't let the team member see this paper - if he asks you questions about the team's status or locations, read him the information off the paper. Provide the team member with a radio, paper and a pencil. Ensure he has a watch.

Brief Team Leader: Tell the team leader that he is now his team's radio operator. Ask the team member when he would make check-ins with mission base. After he has answered, tell him that he must make scheduled radio check at a given time (pick a time five minutes from the briefing). Tell him that you will answer any questions you have about his ground team's status.

Evaluation:

<u>Performance measures</u>	<u>Results</u>	
1. Identifies the four times a team makes radio checks	P	F
2. Determines the team's location and status before checking in.	P	F
3. Transmits radio check-in correctly, including time, location, and team actions.	P	F
4. Requests/receives confirmation	P	F

Student must receive a pass on all performance measures to qualify in this task. If the individual fails any measure, show what was done wrong and how to do it correctly.