

## Simplex NET Purpose

When the Simplex NET was started, it was intended to be, as the name implies, a platform for station-to-station communication without the use of repeaters; and to show the operator the strengths and pitfalls of their station. If I'm not mistaken, NET is short for NETWORK, which is a group working together to pass along info to others.

In the event that the repeater(s) go down, for whatever reason, there is also the possibility of loss of cell phone use. TV and Commercial radio broadcast could potentially be affected. However, communications can still be achieved by the use of Amateur Radio.

Any, or all of this, can happen at any time. Take into consideration the aftermath of hurricanes, earthquakes, and severe storms where power is lost sometimes for days. A repeater can malfunction at any time. Ask those in charge of them. Hopefully, none of this will happen in our area. If it does it is up to us, the Amateur Radio Operator, to be prepared and well versed in receiving and passing information.

During the Simplex NET, we use relays as a rudimentary form of a repeater. It is a good way to practice passing info on to others. A relay should be given as concisely as possible.

When you receive info about an emergency via Amateur Radio, it may have come from a station you cannot hear or copy, which can be relayed to you and others. The use of relays always was, is, and will be a vital asset that could be a circumstantial lifeline.

I'm fairly sure you would want your loved ones, family, and friends to be aware if a situation arises.

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