

For transmission the week of 12/13/2010

MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST MTSB-14

NET DESIGNATORS

THE NET DESIGNATOR NOT ONLY SERVES AS SPECIAL COLLECTIVE CALL SIGN FOR ALL STATIONS WHO ARE CHECKED IN TO THE NET OR WISH TO CHECK IN TO THE NET BUT ALSO IDENTIFIES THE NET. THE NET DESIGNATORS USED IN THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA ALSO PROVIDE A SHORT HAND DESCRIPTION OF THE NET INCLUDING THE NET'S PRIMARY GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AREA, THE NET'S PURPOSE AND THE MODES AUTHORIZED TO BE USED ON THAT NET. NORTH CENTRAL AREA NET DESIGNATORS FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDED NAMING CONVENTION FOR USAF MARS NETS.

STATE NETS

NET DESIGNATORS FOR NETS WHOSE PRIMARY COVERAGE IS A SPECIFIC STATE HAVE THE FORMAT OF RSSE#. THE "R" IS A SINGLE NUMERAL (EITHER 5 OR 7) INDICATING THE REGION WHERE THE NET IS CONDUCTED. THE NEXT TWO CHARACTERS, "SS" IS THE POSTAL ABBREVIATION FOR THE STATE. THE "E" DENOTES THE AUTHORIZED MODE(S) FOR THAT NET. AND THE "#" IS A SEQUENCE NUMBER, STARTING WITH "1".

SOME EXAMPLES:

1. 5WIS1 WOULD BE THE .FIRST OR ONLY WISCONSIN NET CONDUCTED ON SSB VOICE
2. 7KSM2 WOULD BE THE SECOND KANSAS NET CONDUCTED USING MULTI-MODES – MULTI-MODE NETS OPEN IN SSB VOICE BUT MAY SWITCH TO DIGITAL FOR TRAFFIC HANDLING, BROADCASTS OR TRAINING PURPOSES.
3. 7MOD1 WOULD BE THE FIRST OR ONLY MISSOURI NET CONDUCTED SOLELY IN DIGITAL.
4. 5MNF2 WOULD BE THE SECOND MINNESOTA NET CONDUCTED USING FM – BOTH VOICE AND DATA OPERATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED.

AREA NETS

NORTH CENTRAL AREA NET DESIGNATORS BEGIN WITH THE TWO CHARACTERS "NC" TO INDICATE THAT THESE ARE NORTH CENTRAL AREA NETS. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY ZERO OR TWO CHARACTERS TO INDICATE THE PURPOSE OF THE NET; FOLLOWED BY A SINGLE CHARACTER TO INDICATE THE MODE(S) AUTHORIZED FOR THIS NET; FOLLOWED BY A SEQUENCE NUMBER OF THE NET.

IF NO NET PURPOSE IS INDICATED, THE NET IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE A TRAFFIC NET. OTHER NET PURPOSES CURRENTLY IN USE ARE: "AD" – ADMINISTRATIVE NET, "EC" – EMERGENCY COORDINATION, "TG" – TRAINING, AND "TS" – TECHNICAL SERVICES.

THE MODE INDICATOR IS THE SAME AS USED FOR STATE NETS: "S": - SSB VOICE ONLY, "M" – MULTI-MODE (OPEN IN VOICE BUT MAY SWITCH TO DIGITAL), "D" – DIGITAL MODES ONLY.

SOME EXAMPLES:

1. NCM5 – THE FIFTH NORTH CENTRAL AREA-WIDE TRAFFIC NET
2. NCADS1 – THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA ADMINISTRATIVE NET CONDUCTED ON SSB VOICE.
3. NCECM1 – THE FIRST OR ONLY NORTH CENTRAL AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATION NET USING MULTI-MODES.
4. NCTGM2 – THE SECOND NORTH CENTRAL AREA TRAINING NET.

THIS CONCLUDES THIS MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST.

ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS, QUERIES OR REQUESTS FOR FILLS? OVER