

Operations Manual
Wyandotte County / Kansas City, KS R.A.C.E.S
Chapter 2.9 TACTICAL CALL SIGNS

Amateur Radio Stations in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and other Incident Command System (ICS) communications make maximum use of tactical call signs and minimum use of Amateur radio call signs. Net Control Station (NCS) operators shall assure that this practice is followed and correct non compliant operators, on the air if necessary, to assure that this is observed.

A tactical call sign remains unchanged for the duration of an incident/event or a net. Amateur Radio call signs can change with the operators and thereby cause confusion in the system.

The Amateur Radio Call sign need be given only:

1. at the end of a two way communication.
2. at the end of an unanswered call by the calling station.
3. in observance of the 10 minute rule.

No call sign is necessary in a two way conversation once communication has been established. It is redundant and wasteful of air time.

Stations answering any net roll call shall do so by announcing their tactical call sign first and the Amateur radio call second.

Net stations calling net control do so with tactical calls only.

Only the transmitting station need transmit on FCC call sign its own.

EXAMPLE:

"EOC, This is PEARSON PARK."

"PEARSON PARK, This is EOC."

"The creek has risen 1 foot in the last 15 minutes."

"Copy [FCC call sign]"

"PEARSON PARK out [FCC call sign]"
