

## 927 TECH LINKED NETWORK GUIDELINES

- While amateur radio is open and public, linked systems like ours is a collection of privately owned repeaters and linking hub servers. We have a substantial investment in our repeater and linking hardware.
- Others are free to build their own linked system and set their own rules.
- Our 900 MHz network was formed by repeater owners with a common interest in 900 MHz and higher operation. This is in part due to technical interest and in part due to the common culture associated with operation on 900 MHz and above. We don't want it to become another 2M or 11M (CB) channel. We don't want ANY linking from FM repeaters or simplex nodes on bands below 900 MHz.
- Radios on 900 MHz come from commercial service and are not generally ham radio store "appliances". This helps filter out the 2M and 11M culture crowd.
- The operators on the 900 MHz network have interest in the technical side of the hobby. They could be called "techies". They are generally interested in the intimate technical details of repeater building, audio interfacing, Allstar/Asterisk and Linux/Unix systems along with the networking that makes it all work. These are QSO's that everyone is interested in hearing, regardless of the particular area one lives in. We are all hams and often compare notes on weather differences in other areas on the link as well as other daily activities.
- Technical QSO's often are longer due to the nature of what is being communicated. Nontechnical QSO's can get uninteresting quickly and accordingly should be kept short.
- Regional hubs often disconnect from the main linking hub during weekday commute times, if there is heavy local/regional activity.
- Acceptable operation on **ALL** linked systems requires:
  - NO calling CQ. If you ID once, EVERYONE heard you. There's no need to keep doing it.
  - NO general DX calling (essentially, calling CQ)
  - ONLY use phonetics in your call when needed. If someone doesn't get your call correctly, then correct with phonetics.
  - To restate: Just ID once without phonetics.
  - DON'T use CB type lingo like "I'll be on the side", "Negative contact on . . . . .", etc, etc.
  - QSO content and length depends the nature of the network (900 MHz is not the same as a 2M network).
  - Exclusively local QSO's on the same repeater should be short or moved to a nonlinked repeater, unless the topic is of general linked interest.
- Hams with these common interests and culture are welcome to join in.