

## **Relay Station Guide**

### **Role of the Relay Station Operator:**

You will act as a bridge between the V/UHF net and other nets, such as HF nets or National Traffic System (NTS) nets, ensuring important messages are passed accurately and promptly.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

Pass traffic to where it'll get to where it needs to be: You may have HF capability, digital, phone – even be sitting next to a non-ham that is getting a message. Whatever it takes, get it where it's going.

**Maintain Contact with The Net:** Primarily you need to follow the net you're checked into, while also ensuring you can communicate via whatever means you need to use to pass traffic without interfering with or missing activity from the net. Once that traffic passed to the 'next step', let the net know what you've done and traffic is on it's way. If you have to wait until after the net – ask permission and make sure it's not urgent enough for you to drop out of the net and get it done – if you do wait, log what you've done so you'll know what was done, with who and how and the time

**Accurate Message Passing:** Relay messages exactly as given to ensure no information is lost. Confirm the receipt of each message. Log messages with time-stamp

**Report Any Issues:** If you are unable to make contact with the other net or experience difficulties, report this to the NCO.

### **If relaying traffic to an HF station:**

"This is [Call Sign] relaying a message from [Station] to [Destination]. The message reads: [Message]."